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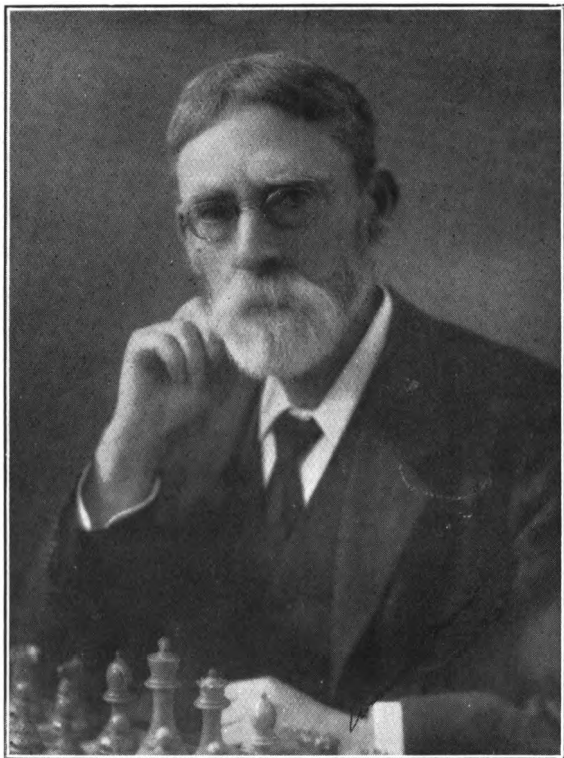
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EDITORIAL.

It is not often that we inflict editorials on readers and subscribers, but we should like to take the opportunity of this first number of Volume 46, to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

It is also an opportunity to express our thanks to the other members of the staff for their very valuable assistance in keeping up the standard of the Magazine. The willingness of others outside to help, was emphasised when P. W. Sergeant, Editor of our Dominions and Foreign News department, recently left for a trip to India on business. J. du Mont and G. W. Richmond immediately agreed to take on his duties *pro tem.*, and consequently readers and subscribers can rest content that the Magazine will not suffer in his absence.

Without the assistance which we get from the other members of the staff, we should have been compelled long ago to have given up the work entailed, but what makes the running of the Magazine so pleasant is the ready way in which any member is prepared to take on extra work at any time of pressure.

Except for the able aid of R. H. S. Stevenson on the commercial side, we should not have been able to give to readers the number of pages we have done in the past year, and he readily undertook to take over the supervision of the British News from the Editor-in-chief, calling in the assistance of his wife for the work entailed in receipts and applications for subscriptions. No one who has not had the work to do can appreciate the amount of time required to adequately annotate games, and an assurance that this is ably done by J. H. Blake is manifested by the very few queries received with regard to these annotations, and the many letters expressing satisfaction.

B. G. Laws has been in charge of the Problem department for more than a quarter of a century. He is, however, getting older and with it his health is not as robust as in the past; it was partly for this reason that we were pleased to get G. W. Chandler to assist him, and it was a real sorrow to us when the latter found business pressure was so great that he had to give it up, and we should like to find a young and keen problemist to give Laws assistance in preparing his pages.

Thanks to the good work of the staff the list of the subscribers of the *B.C.M.* have more than retained their number, but we should like to see a still greater advance in our list comparable with the

added interest taken in Chess all over the world. A decided increase in our list would enable us to get articles by some of the best masters and also to increase our pages.

The death of Amos Burn, referred to on another page, removes from the chess world one of the finest chess editors ever known. As an annotator he was probably *facile princeps*, and his notes in the *Field* could be found in foreign magazines all over the world. He will be a difficult man to replace.

That the increase in the interest in Chess is realised by the press, has been shown lately by the institution of a new column on Saturdays in the *Evening News*, conducted by H. A. H. Carson, a very well-known player of the Athenaeum Chess Club towards the end of last century and the beginning of this. The institution of new methods of opening by the young masters has brought new life to the game, and a book on Chess Openings of even so short a time as five years ago would be entirely out-of-date; Chess Tournaments follow one another so closely that it is difficult to keep up with the new introductions.

The success of Bogoljuboff at the recent Moscow Tournament will add further interest to the attitude of the F.I.D.E. to the World Championship, and we can imagine some immediate developments with regard to the challenges for the championship. We believe that the immediate future of English Chess will be advanced by the acceptance of the B.C.F. to the challenge of France, Belgium and Holland to International matches. A recent challenge has come from Sweden, but we fear will have to be refused on the score of £ s. d.

On this point we must say that the chess public is notoriously wanting; in the good old times patrons of chess were willing to advance large sums to assist the professional players, nowadays professional players in England are at a discount. There is no money in it and it is very difficult to raise money for tournaments which will benefit the game for England. It is curious that there should be this difficulty in raising funds for such a fine game as Chess, when for other sports people are prepared to pay five and six times as much, and we hope that the chess public in general will support the B.C.F. in a generous way in their efforts to raise the money necessary for these International matches.

Most of the chess-playing members of the House of Commons were present at the Dinner given by the Chess Circle to Señor Capablanca on December 15th. The Earl of Plymouth, a keen player, presided and proposed "The Island of Cuba," to which Dr. Patterson the Cuban minister, replied. Major Sir Richard Barnett gave the toast of the world's champion, Señor Capablanca, who in reply referred to the great pleasure it always gave him to visit this Country. Dr. E. Graham Little, another member of the Imperial Chess Club, proposed the toast of the Chairman.

ENGLISH COUNTIES CHESS FINAL.

This match between Yorkshire and Middlesex, to decide which name shall be next inscribed on the Lowenthal cup in succession to Surrey, the present holders, was played at the Gambit Café, Leeds, on Saturday, December 12th.

The Middlesex team was treated very hospitably by the Yorkshire County Association, who waived their right to any part of the £20 expenses provided by the British Chess Federation. Members of the Leeds club entertained and provided accommodation for several players of the Middlesex team, who travelled down on Friday evening.

At 12 noon the Middlesex team was entertained to lunch by the Leeds Chess Club at the Gambit Café. I. M. Brown, president of the Yorkshire Chess Association, made the visitors welcome with a few well-chosen words, and recalled to mind the two previous occasions on which the rival counties had met, first seventeen years ago to the very day, December 12th, 1908, at Sheffield, when Middlesex won 11-6, and secondly on October 11th, 1913, at Leicester, when Middlesex succeeded by 10-6. Amidst applause, he expressed the hope that the third occasion would be Yorkshire's turn. He concluded by voicing the thanks of the assembly to R. H. Brown, President of the Leeds Chess Club, who also welcomed the visitors, for the hospitality which all the players had received as guests of the Leeds Club.

R. C. Griffith, president of the Middlesex County Association, replying for the visiting team, expressed their thanks for the great hospitality which had been extended to them, and said that Middlesex would for many a day carry pleasant memories of true North Country hospitality.

The match started punctually at 1 p.m., and proceeded until 5 p.m., under a time-limit of 20 moves an hour. Yorkshire missed the services of F. D. Yates, A. G. Condé, W. Atkinson and other stalwarts, whereas Middlesex were practically at full strength. J. du Mont, who felt that his lack of practice did not justify a place in the team, travelled down as a reserve, and the last place was settled by tossing, W. H. Watts being the unfortunate loser. The match captain, H. Meek, and secretary, E. Busvine, were also present to urge their team on to victory, and their relations with the Yorkshire captain, Mr. Ivimy, were of the most cordial character.

The first excitement was on the top board, where Siegheim, after the opening moves 1 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 2 P-Q B 4, P-K 3; 3 Kt-Q B 3, Kt-K B 3; 4 Kt-B 3, Q Kt-Q 2; 5 B-Kt 5, P-B 3; 6 P-K 3, B-Q 3; 7 B-Q 3, Castles; 8 Castles, P×P; 9 B×P, made the faulty advance 9... P-K 4. This cost a Pawn by 10 B×Kt, Q×B (he could have saved the Pawn by 10... P×B, but his King's side would have been very weak); 11 Kt-K 4, Q-K 2;

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12 Kt×B, Q×Kt; 13 P×P, Q—K 2; 14 Q—Q 6, R—K 1; 15 Q R—Q 1, K—B 1. Atkins soon seized the opportunity to undouble his Pawn by the temporary sacrifice 16 B×P! Q×Q (clearly 16.., K×B; 17 P—K 6 ch, K—B 1; 18 P×Kt would cost Black a piece); 17 R×Q, K×B; 18 P—K 6 ch and remained a Pawn ahead with a winning end-game until the close, although Siegheim struggled very hard.

First blood was claimed by Middlesex on the sixth board after 90 minutes' play, Black, in his endeavour to avoid loss of a centre Pawn, with an easy end-game in view, losing a Rook by a blunder.

GAME No. 5,590.

WHITE		BLACK		
M. E. GOLDSTEIN	F. SCHOFIELD			
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	run the risk of 12 B×Kt (if 12 Kt×P? K Kt×Kt; 13 B×B, Kt×B wins), B×B; 13 Kt×P, B×Kt; 14 P×B, R—K 1 ch. The weak Queen's Pawn will always wait, and falls nine moves later!		
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3			
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P—Q B 4			
4 B P×P	4 K P×P			
5 Kt—B 3	5 Kt—K B 3			
.....A slight transposition (instead of the usual 5.., Kt—Q B 3), which enables White to dispense with the customary P—K Kt 3.				
6 B—Kt 5!	6 B—K 2	13 Kt×B	12 B—K 3	
7 P—K 3	7 P×P	14 P—K 4!	13 P×Kt	
8 K Kt×P	8 Castles	15 Kt×Kt	14 Kt×P	
9 B—Kt 5!	9 P—Q R 3	16 Kt—B 5	15 B×B	
10 B—Q R 4	10 B—Q 2	17 Kt×K P	16 Q—Q 3	
11 B—Kt 3	11 Kt—B 3	18 Kt×B	17 R—B 4	
12 Castles		19 P—B 4	18 R×Kt	
		20 P—Kt 4	19 R—B 4	
			20 R×P?	
.....Fatal; but after 20.., R—B 3; 21 Q×P ch, the ending is an easy win with the extra Pawn.				
In view of the importance of the occasion, White did not care to		21 Q×P ch	21 Resigns	

This was soon followed by a draw on board 12, where White, with a strong attack in a Ruy Lopez, missed his way under time-pressure and lost a Pawn, but retained sufficient positional advantage to maintain an equal game.

Barron equalised for Yorkshire with a finely-played Queen and Pawns' ending, in which, taking advantage of the fact that Black's Queen was tied to the back rank by a threat of mate, he secured a passed Pawn on each flank. Birnberg, after surmounting the difficulties of a Scotch game, had previously been unwise enough to decline a draw which his opponent had offered him.

Yorkshire forged ahead with a win on board 11, in which Duncan obtained a good opening with the Dutch Defence to the Queen's Pawn Game, but later went astray in a level Rook and Pawn ending, and sustained his first defeat for Middlesex since February, 1922.

Mercer soon levelled up affairs for the visitors, his opponent losing a piece early by a faulty sacrifice as Black against the Lopez. After this, Mercer, playing with great care, gave him no chance.

Half an hour before time Sergeant defeated Gurnhill in a game which had an amusing finish. In the diagrammed position White, thinking that he had an overwhelming attack, played 27 K—R 1, instead of 27 R×P ch, K—B 1; 28 R—Kt 4, which would have won. The continuation was 27.., K—B 1; 28 R×P, Q×P; 29 R—K Kt 1, R—K 6! and White, after an hour's thought, played 30 R—Kt 8 ch. His opponent, naturally supposing that White had worked out a winning line, played with little consideration 30.., K—K 2, and after 31 Q—Kt 7, R—K 7; 32 Q—B 8 ch, K—Q 2; 33 Q—B 8 ch he resigned. As the winner pointed out after the game, had Black played 30.., B×R, White could only get a draw by perpetual check in one variation, every other losing for him! The draw is by 31 Q×B ch, K—K 2; 32 R—Kt 7 ch, K—Q 3; 33 Q—Q 8 ch (best, for if 33 Q—Kt 8 ch, Black's King escapes over his Q Kt 5), K—B 4; 34 R—B 7 ch, R—B 3 (forced); 35 R×R ch and draws.

Morrison further increased the Middlesex lead with an overwhelming attack from his favourite Bishop's Opening.

GAME NO. 5591.

WHITE		BLACK			
J. H. MORRISON	W. H. SPARKES			11 P—K R 3	11 B×Kt
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4			12 Q×B	12 K P×P
2 B—B 4	2 Kt—K B 3			13 B P×P	13 P—K Kt 4
3 P—Q 4	3 Kt—B 3			14 B—R 2	14 B—Kt 2
4 Kt—K B 3	4 Q—K 2			15 Q R—Q 1	15 B—K 4
				16 B×B	16 Kt×B
.....Probably to avoid his				17 Q—K 2	17 Castles
opponent's prepared variations;				18 B—Kt 3	18 P—Q B 4
but 4.., P×P, leading into the				19 P—R 3	19 P—R 3
Two Knights' Defence, was prefer-				20 Q—R 5	20 K—Kt 2
able.				21 Kt—K 2	21 K—R 2
5 Castles	5 P—Q 3			22 Kt—Kt 3	22 R—K Kt 1
6 Kt—Kt 5	6 Kt—Q 1			23 R—B 2	23 R—Kt 3
7 P—B 4	7 P—K R 3			24 Q R—K B 1	24 P—Kt 4
8 Kt—K B 3	8 B—Kt 5			25 Kt—B 5	25 Q—B 1
9 Kt—B 3	9 P—B 3			26 Kt—K 3	26 Q—Kt 2
10 P—Q 5	10 Kt—Q 2			27 B—R 2	27 R—R 2
.....To meet the threatened				28 B—Kt 1	28 R—B 2
P×P and P—Q 6.					

29 P—B 3		35 K—R 1	35 P×P
Black here optimistically offered a draw!		36 R×P ch	36 Kt×R
	29 K—Kt 1	Accelerating the end; but after 36., R×R; 37 Q×R ch, K—B 1; 38 B—B 5! he had no satisfactory defence.	
30 Kt—Kt 4	30 Kt×Kt		
31 Q×Kt	31 Q—K 4		
32 Q—R 5		37 Q×R ch	37 K—B 1
Threatening R×P.		38 Q—Q 6 ch	38 R—K 2
	32 K—Kt 2	39 B—Kt 6	39 Q—B 5
33 R—B 5	33 Q—Kt 6	40 R×Q	40 Kt P×R
34 P—K 5	34 Q—K 6 ch	41 Q—K B 6	41 Resigns

Buerger, however, with a Pawn ahead and a safe, though lengthy win, unnecessarily sacrificed the Exchange, thinking to force a passed Pawn through. His opponent did not find the right defence, but Buerger, being very short of time, did not sufficiently appreciate the difference between two Knight moves, one of which won by force, whereas the one selected led to a loss.

When time was called Middlesex were leading by $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$, and the four unfinished games were sent for adjudication. Yorkshire are expected to win on the top board and Middlesex on the fourth board, where Richmond outplayed his opponent in an Irregular defence to the Queen's Pawn, and secured a Pawn ahead in a Rook and Bishop ending. Saunders, on board 3, adopted the Cambridge Springs Defence to the Queen's Gambit Declined, and a blocked position resulted which appears likely to be given a draw.

Dale, opening with 1 P—K 3, P—K B 4; 2 P—K B 4, P—K 3 won a Pawn by a temporary sacrifice, but instead of pressing on his attack he retreated. Griffith later won back his Pawn with a winning attack, but just before "time" exchanged Queens, instead of playing Q—R 5, which would have won offhand; and a draw is the most likely result.

Yorkshire subsequently agreed the unfinished games as expected.

A curious feature of the match was that Black did not win a single game! Score:—

MIDDLESEX.				YORKSHIRE.			
1 B. E. Sieghelm	..	..	*0	H. E. Atkins	..	..	*1
2 E. G. Sergeant	..	..	1	C. R. Gurnhill	..	..	0
3 H. Saunders	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	T. A. Staynes	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$
4 G. W. Richmond	..	..	*1	P. Wenman	..	..	*0
5 V. Buerger	..	..	0	G. W. Moses	..	..	1
6 M. E. Goldstein	..	..	1	F. Schofield	..	..	0
7 J. Birnberg	..	..	0	G. Barron	..	..	1
8 A. E. Mercer	..	..	1	H. W. Hodgkinson	..	..	0
9 R. C. Griffith	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	E. Dale	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$
10 J. H. Morrison	..	..	1	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	0
11 Dr. F. S. Duncan	..	..	0	A. Schofield	..	..	1
12 R. F. Goldstein	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. E. Wenyon	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
			6 $\frac{1}{2}$				5 $\frac{1}{2}$

* Agreed after the match.

THE MOSCOW INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

The Moscow tournament has come and gone. The result was a solid victory for Bogoljuboff, of Ukrainia, with the fine score of $15\frac{1}{2}$. He lost only to Capablanca and to Réti, drawing five others. His achievement has been no sudden or ephemeral flight, and his force has long been recognised. His encounter with Capablanca in the London tournament was a great effort although unsuccessful, which showed what he could do, and foreshadowed subsequent successes. His personality is amiable and his victory, which brings him into the front rank of chess masters, generally popular.

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	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	T'l.
1 Bogoljuboff	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Lasker	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	14
3 Capablanca	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 Marshall	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 Tartakover	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	12
6 Torre	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	12
7 Reti	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
8 Romanowsky	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	1	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
9 Grünfeld	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 Iljin-Zenevsky ..	0	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
11 Bogatyrychuk ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	10
12 Rubinstein	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
13 Spielmann	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	1	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
14 Verlinsky	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
15 Löwenfisch	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	9
16 Rabinovitch	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
17 Yates	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	7
18 Göthlif	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
19 Sämisch	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	1	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
20 Dus-Chotimirsky	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0	1	0	—	1	0	6
21 Zubarev	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Lasker played many fine games, quite in his old style, but drew rather too many, although he also lost but two, and could score no more than 14. Capablanca, the world's champion, commenced very poorly here, as he did also in the last tournament in the United States. In these circumstances, a final score of $13\frac{1}{2}$ sufficiently exhibits his capacity when once started. Our friend Marshall also displayed quite his old form on a number of occasions. In such a brilliant gathering, to be placed fourth is an unexceptionable performance. Tartakower also, author of many works on chess and diligent annotator of games, did quite well, outdistancing another zealous student, Grünfeld.

The young master, Torre, has likewise proved himself a power to be reckoned with, and likely to become more so. Réti is a man of temperament, developing a theory of his own. Always dangerous, he may at any time attain such a grasp of his new ideas as will bring him to the top.

The three Russian masters, Romanowsky, Iljin-Zenevsky and Bogatyrchuk have been but little known to us in the past, but their games are full of character and resource. Iljin-Zenevsky's victory over Capablanca must have afforded great moral encouragement to Russian players. The game shows him to possess high qualities of courage and self restraint, although it is evident that the world's champion was not quite at his best, and even as it was, missed opportunities.

Rubinstein certainly disappointed his admirers. It is understood that his health is at present not of the best, which in such a contest is a fatal disability. And although the remaining competitors appeared in the lower half of the list, they produced, more occasionally, games of high quality, which justify their inclusion. This may well be said of our own player Yates. It would have been quite in accordance with custom for him to have scored off the winner of the tournament. By fine play he actually secured a winning position, and only just missed the right continuation.

The tournament as a whole must be said to have been a great success. The progress made by Russian players demonstrates the results that ensue upon encouragement of the game from influential quarters.

REVIEW.

Die Unregelmässigen Spielanfänge, by Kurt Emmrich. Published by Walter de Gruyter & Co., Genthinerstrasse 38, Berlin W.10. Price 2.25 Marks. Pp. 72.

This little book is the third of Herr Emmrich's brochures on the openings, and maintains the high standard of his previous works.

The present volume treats the English Opening, 1 P—Q B 4; Reti's Opening, 1 Kt—K B 3 followed by 2 P—B 4; and Bird's Opening, 1 P—K B 4, in some detail, and also gives short notes on less customary methods of opening White's game, such as Anderssen's Opening, Van't Kruijz Opening and the Saragossa Opening.

The author gives 25 fully-annotated games, illustrative of the openings treated in the book, and we can cordially recommend this volume as a very useful aid to the reader desirous of increasing his knowledge of the Irregular Debuts.

It is rather unfortunate that the book sheds little light on the numerous variations of the English Opening so popular in master tournaments of the present year, such as 1 P—Q B 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 4 P—Q 4. Apart from numerous transpositions into the Queen's Pawn game, this opening has special features of its own, and it is gaining increasing favour with the masters. In chess, as in politics, we seem to be moving to the left!

The sections on Reti's Opening and Bird's should fill the needs of all but the most voracious amateur.

AMOS BURN.

We had only just time last month to announce the decease of this famous player and chess editor. On the afternoon of 24th November he was at the City of London Chess Club in—to all appearances—normal health; he took a fellow-member home with him, and after completing the annotation of a game for his paper, was chatting with his guest when the fatal seizure overtook him; he never fully recovered consciousness, and died the following afternoon. He was buried at Hammersmith Cemetery on the 27th November.

Amos Burn was born at Hull on the 31st December, 1848. By way of coincidence, no less than three of the band of English chess masters were sons of the Yorkshire port, the other two being Boden (over twenty-two years senior) and Wisker (very little older than Burn). In his early teens he was apprenticed to a firm of Liverpool cotton brokers. Most of the year 1870 was spent in London. At least once, and probably three times in his life, he made prolonged business visits to America; the occasion as to which there is most certainty was about 1893-5, when he was a year or two at Chicago; Liverpool information puts another visit about 1902-3 (which would account for his non-participation in the Monte Carlo tournaments); and hints dropped by himself point to such a visit in 1882-3; this would account for his not competing in either event at the London congress of 1883, and for the non-inclusion of his portrait in the large group picture painted by A. Rosenbaum about 1882, and now hanging in the City of London Chess Clubroom. Upon returning to England he always settled down again in business at Liverpool, where he was occupied, for some time at any rate, in sea insurance. From which it will be seen that at no time of his life was he dependent upon chess-playing as a means of livelihood; although it is difficult to resist the impression that at some periods, particularly 1886, 1889 and 1898, the claims of business sat very lightly upon him.

His initiation into chess was made at about sixteen years of age, and is to be credited to John Saul, of the Liverpool Chess Club, who took great pains with his pupil, and is believed to have had much influence in the early formation of a sound style. So apt was the pupil, so thorough the teacher, that when in 1867 he joined the Liverpool Chess Club, he was placed at once in the Pawn and move class, and one of his earliest club exploits was to win the club handicap tournament; a rise not much less phenomenal than that of Blackburne at Manchester a few years earlier. During his stay in London in 1870 he joined the City of London Chess Club, playing for it in a match with the Westminster Chess Club, and joining in the winter handicap, where however, he was knocked out in an early round. He seized every opportunity of obtaining practice with the best players of the day, and no doubt it was during this period that he came under the influence of Steinitz, whose tuition he later in life gratefully acknowledged to have been invaluable to him, and whom he unhesitatingly ranked as the world's greatest player. During this year (and not

1871 as most notices of his career have stated) the first British Chess Association (Lowenthal's) held a challenge cup tournament; Burn was a competitor, and tied for first prize with his townsman, Wisker, but was defeated in the tie-game. His next public appearances were at the annual tournaments of the Counties Chess Association, a provincial body formed for the express purpose of holding annual tournaments for about three classes of players, at some provincial town, and lasting one week; its principal tournament was, in the middle of the seventies, for a cup, to be held a year by the winner. In 1873 Burn tied with Skipworth for first place (no tie-game was played), in 1874 he was first, in 1875 second (B. W. Fisher, late of the Battersea Club first), and first in 1876, this last victory making the cup his own. He did not appear in public play again until 1883, when (perhaps out of practice after a business stay in America) he was much less successful, only taking fourth prize at the Counties Association meeting at Birmingham.

The year 1886 marked his (rather late) entry upon the international tournament arena. The resuscitated British Chess Association held a masters' tournament in London, in which Burn tied with Blackburne for first place, but lost the tie-game. From 1886 to 1912 inclusive he competed in twenty-two international tournaments; we append a tabular statement giving all necessary particulars.

MASTERS' TOURNAMENTS AND RESULTS.

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Place.</i>	<i>No. of Games.</i>	<i>Score.</i>	<i>Final position.</i>
1886 ..	London ..	14 ..	9 ..	Second after tie with Blackburne.
	Nottingham ..	9 ..	8 ..	First.
1887 ..	Frankfort ..	20 ..	9½ ..	Equal eleventh.
	London ..	10 ..	8 ..	Equal first with Gunsberg.
1888 ..	Bradford ..	16 ..	10½ ..	Fifth.
1889 ..	New York ..	41 ..	27½ ..	Fifth.
	Breslau ..	17 ..	11½ ..	Second.
	Amsterdam ..	8 ..	7 ..	First.
1895 ..	Hastings ..	21 ..	9½ ..	Equal twelfth.
1897 ..	Berlin ..	19 ..	12 ..	Fifth.
1898 ..	Vienna ..	36 ..	20 ..	Equal sixth.
	Cologne ..	15 ..	11½ ..	First.
1900 ..	Paris ..	19 ..	12½ ..	Fifth.
	Munich ..	15 ..	10½ ..	Fourth.
1905 ..	Ostend ..	26 ..	12½ ..	Seventh.
	Barmen ..	15 ..	6 ..	Fourteenth.
1906 ..	Ostend ..	30 ..	18 ..	Equal fourth.
1907 ..	Ostend ..	20 ..	8 ..	Fifth.
1909 ..	St. Petersburg ..	18 ..	7 ..	Equal fifteenth.
1911 ..	S. Sebastian ..	14 ..	5 ..	Thirteenth.
1911 ..	Carlsbad ..	25 ..	11 ..	Equal seventeenth.
1912 ..	Breslau ..	17 ..	7½ ..	Twelfth.

The greatest success was beyond all question that obtained at Cologne in 1898, where he was first to such renowned rivals as Charousek (second), Tchigorin (fourth), Steinitz (fifth) and Schlechter (equal sixth). But no mean place in the order of merit must be assigned to the second prize at Breslau in 1889, where Dr. Tarrasch achieved the first of his great series of successes, and such players as

Bardeleben, Blackburne, Gunsberg, Mason and Schallop were amongst the less successful competitors. The book of that tournament, in recognition of so striking a success, following upon the New York tournament, and with the Amsterdam victory treading closely upon its heels, described Burn as the "tournament hero of the year." In 1898 the Cologne tournament followed hard upon the long struggle at Vienna; the events of these two years go to prove his remarkable power of endurance: he fared best in the most prolonged efforts.

During this period of international activity Burn did not altogether eschew competitions of a national or sectional character. Early in 1889 he won first prize in an Irish Chess Association tournament at Dublin, Pollock and Mason taking the next two places. In 1897-8-9 and 1901 he competed at Llandudno for the Craigside challenge cup, which he won three times in the four tournaments. He also won a Midland Counties tournament at Birmingham in 1899, with Atkins second.

Of individual match play there is not much to record. A match with Bird in 1886 (two more opposed styles of play could hardly be imagined) was begun as one of five up, with the score at four all was extended to ten up, and was finally drawn by agreement with the score at nine all. In the same year a match of five up with Capt. Mackenzie was drawn with a score of four all; the curiosity of this match is that Mackenzie won the first four games and Burn the last four. A match is known to have been played in 1875 with the Rev. John Owen, the leading player of the Liverpool Club until Burn's rise; this Burn won by 11 to 6. Mr. Owen, however, told the present writer (about 1895) that he had contested several matches with Burn, who had not always been the winner; no record remains of these encounters; but as neither player had any love for the practice of recording the moves of a game during its progress its absence is not surprising. Similarly, a short match was begun with the Rev. A. B. Skipworth at his Lincolnshire rectory, somewhere in the late eighties, but whether finished is doubtful; probably the record of this is buried in the files of a Horncastle or Louth newspaper in which Mr. Skipworth conducted a chess column at the time.

Burn took part in the matches by cable with America on four occasions. In 1896 and 1898 he lost to Showalter; in 1907 he drew with Marshall; and in 1911 he defeated Marshall (who was then in London) over the board.

His connection with the Liverpool Chess Club lasted from 1867 until his death. He served the offices of librarian in 1877, vice-president in 1880, president in 1881, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911. In 1887 he was elected an honorary member retaining that qualification until the end. In 1888 he was presented by the club with a handsome chessboard and set of chessmen, the box bearing an inscribed silver plate, in recognition of the tournament successes he had already achieved, and as a token of the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow members.

As a chess journalist Burn commenced in 1871 when he edited a column in the *Liverpool Weekly Albion*; how long this continued we do not know. In 1911 he became chess editor of the *Liverpool Courier*. His annotation of games for this column attracted widespread notice and was much quoted both at home and abroad. When therefore, on the death in 1913 of Leopold Hoffer, Burn was appointed to the *Field*, it was to the general satisfaction of British chessplayers everywhere. His treatment of the games published in that paper was of the most sound and reliable character, and no pains were ever spared to arrive at the inner secret of the most intricate position. The high standard set by Steinitz when editing the same column thirty to forty years before, was worthily maintained by his quondam pupil on becoming his successor.

Burn's style of play was solid and prudent rather than aggressive; he has more than once mentioned with pardonable pride that amongst his peers of master rank he was chiefly famed for "stubborn defence." A favourite aphorism was, "The player who combines is lost!" Nevertheless it is to be at least suspected that this was the result of his early chess education and a strong power of self-control rather than of his predilections. An oft-repeated saying, perhaps the one which will be in London longest remembered, was "*toujours attaque*"; his preference for being first player was stronger than that of most players, strong as that often is; and when shown a game or position he had very little hesitation in taking sides, almost always with the attack; only with the defence when his initial judgment told him that unsoundness was afoot. But "counterattack is the soul of defence," and in that he could be terrible. A collection of, say, twenty of his best games would probably yield a large preponderance of Black as his side. Once interested in a game (or position) his concentration upon it was of the most intense kind, and could only with difficulty be diverted. Even in skittle play, a cup of coffee, ordered at the start, would stand at his elbow unnoticed; was the opponent at some point long in moving he would suddenly become aware of its presence, and lift the cup; but let the opponent at the same instant raise his hand to move, back went the cup to the table untasted, and the beverage would be eventually consumed quite cold. His pipe fared little better; badly loaded, it took innumerable matches to light, was laid down after a few puffs, went out, and was re-lit with the same difficulty. Did a friendly onlooker hint that a difference in the loading of the pipe would save much trouble, he would, if he succeeded in gaining attention, be quietly and painlessly extinguished with "How long have you been a smoker?" The same intensity of concentration was carried into his work for the *Field*, and it is known that he often sat through the small hours of the morning to complete an analysis rather than interrupt the current of his ideas. Had he but spared himself in this respect ——!

Of short figure, slight frame, and abstemious in habit, he was remarkably "wiry"; at 77 his head of hair was quite untouched by the hand of time, and but for the grizzling of the beard he would

have passed for no more than sixty. Perhaps a little difficult of approach by strangers, when his attention and interest were once gained he was the soul of courtesy, and would take unstinted trouble to oblige his interlocutor, or to help a colleague. At the chessboard his courtesy to his opponent was perfect; he "played the game" in the best sense of the words; and his tribute to Blackburne's chivalry as an opponent was worth the more because it accorded with his own practice. With him passes the last of the line of English great masters!

J.H.B.

CAPT. WM. MCCANLIS

We regret to report the death of Capt. W. McCanlis at the age of 85, on December 1st, at his residence, Blackheath.



THE LATE CAPT. WM. MCCANLIS

William McCanlis was born 30th October, 1840. He enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1854 as a boy and was in the last drafts for the Crimea. Peace was declared before the seat of war was reached. The troops were diverted to the island of Corfu, where he remained for some years. He returned to Woolwich and soon showed an aptitude for cricket.

His army career was one of steady progress. He was thorough in all he did. Very keen on education, he missed no opportunity of improving his knowledge of a variety of subjects. He studied the greater part of his long life. In the army he distinguished himself in French, Mathematics, Mechanics and the Sciences, and at one time taught a class in Electricity.

From Woolwich he was appointed to a position in the War Office when he had attained the rank of sergeant in 1866, where he remained until 1883. In 1867 he was sent to Paris during the exhibition as clerk to the Military Secretary, for about nine months. He was promoted Sergeant-Major about 1871 and commissioned in 1877.

During the strenuous years 1879, 1880 and 1881 very great pressure was put upon the War Office through four campaigns following one upon the other, *viz.*: Zulu War, two Afghan Wars and the Egyptian Campaign. Duty called, and Capt. McCanlis for a great part of time worked seven days a week and many nights. He was the only officer in his department who did not break down under the pressure. He was both an apostle and disciple of physical fitness and was thus able to withstand the strain.

In 1883 he returned to duty at Woolwich. He was much missed at the War Office and was asked to return, which he did for a time to a Staff appointment until the opening of the Inspection Branch of the Army Ordnance Dept. at Woolwich, to which he was appointed Assistant Inspector. He retired at the age of fifty-five, but returned to duty during the South African War, 1899—1901. The Great War of 1914—1918 again saw him in uniform. He came out of retirement in November, 1914 at the age of 74 and continued his military duties until September, 1916.

His high character was an outstanding feature of his career, and was evident in whatsoever he undertook. His maxim of life was not the pursuit of wealth, but the development of character and attainment of knowledge.

His early cricket experience was with the Royal Artillery. He attracted the attention of the county authorities and first played for Kent in 1862. The match was Kent *v.* England, and in this match E. M. Grace and R. A. H. Mitchell also made their first appearance.

Capt. McCanlis played farly regularly for Kent whenever he could get away from his military duties, for fifteen years. In those days big scores were not so frequent as they now are. There were only a few good grounds and mostly all runs had to be run out, boundaries being non-existent. He played against the great W. G. Grace upon several occasions and is mentioned in Grace's history of a hundred centuries. Capt. McCanlis's last match for Kent was *v.* Notts in 1877, the match in which Arthur Shrewsbury made his first appearance. At his best he was a fine and powerful hitter, excelling especially in the drive, and was likewise a good field. His highest score for Kent was 67, *v.* Lancashire at Gravesend in 1873. In club cricket he has scored very largely playing for Charlton Park for many years, heading the batting averages year after year and scoring many centuries. He twice scored 172 not out, whilst his best in important cricket was 144 against the M.C.C. As a judge of the game it would be difficult to find his superior. He was able to discern a potential cricketer at once and possessed of great patience was able to develop latent talent. He served on the Committee of the Kent County Cricket Club for many years, but possibly his greatest service to the county was as coach at Tonbridge Nursery. This nursery was opened in 1898 and he was the first coach. He was responsible for the training of such cricketers as Blythe, Humphreys, James Seymour, Fairservice, Fielder, Hardinge, Hubble and F. E. Wooley. In 1906 Kent won the county championship for the first time, largely through the skill of the above mentioned men.

During the time he was coach at Tonbridge, he played for Kent 2nd XI and captained it with success. His greatest performance for this team was in 1906 at West Malling, playing against Surrey 2nd XI. Surrey batted first and made 446. Kent could only muster 200, (of which total Capt. McCanlis made 16 not out) and had to follow on. In the second innings Capt. McCanlis went in first with Munds and they put on over 200 together before they were parted,

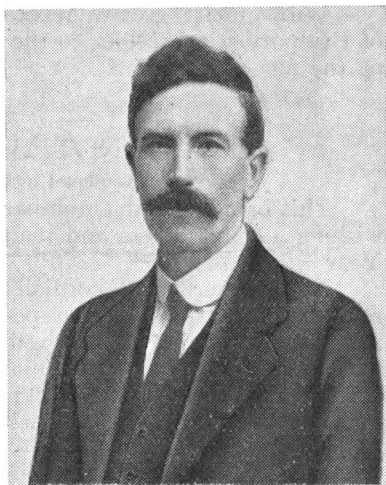
when Capt. McCanlis was run out after scoring 84. For a man in his 66th year the physical effort alone was a marvellous achievement, and he had the satisfaction of saving his side from defeat. In the following year playing for Charlton Park, the Park were doing badly when he went in. He scored steadily and when he had made 12 a rising ball from the opponents' fast bowler struck him hard on the body, causing great pain. Notwithstanding this he continued his innings whilst in severe pain and carried out his bat for 82. On his way home he called in to a doctor, who found two ribs broken, so that he had scored 70 runs in that condition. His last match for Kent 2nd XI was in 1912, but he continued to play for Kent Club and Ground until the outbreak of the Great War.

He was an enthusiastic chess player of average ability and played for the Plumstead Chess Club for a number of years. When that was disbanded he threw in his lot with the Lee Club, of which he continued a playing member until his death. He was also for many years a member of the City of London Chess Club, playing in the Russell Cup competition every year of its existence with the exception of that period during the late war when he was back in service. He played for Kent for over forty years.

He was a great reader and fond of good music, and rarely missed hearing the Oratorios at the Albert Hall. His son, G. E. McCanlis, of Tunbridge Wells, has worthily carried on the Chess record of the family by winning the Championship of Kent for 1924-5.

The late Captain was of a modest and retiring disposition, but his outlook on life was broad, and his general character and ideals were of the very highest.

Thus the two outstanding personalities of Kentish Chess, William McCanlis and W. W. White, pass away in the same year.



G. E. MCCANLIS
Chess Champion of Kent, 1924-5

Sir Paul Vinogradoff died in Paris on December 19th, and with him a strong and keen player is lost to the chess world.

Born at Kostroma, Russia, in 1854, he had a brilliant academic career, which culminated in his appointment as Professor of History at Moscow. His liberal views on education, however, came before their time, and finding himself in conflict with the bureaucratic regime then in force in Russia, he turned his face from his native country and came to England.

In 1898 he was living at Tunbridge Wells and joined the local chess club, proving himself the same class as the best players, but just failing to win the championship. Passionately fond of music he would never give up a classical concert to play in even a chess cup final.

In 1903 he was elected to the Corpus Chair of Jurisprudence at Oxford and gave lectures at important centres all over the world. He was Knighted in 1917. He played for Oxfordshire as often as his busy career would allow and was always a formidable opponent.

In 1922 he presented a copy of his *Outlines of Historical Jurisprudence* for a prize in the Literary Lightning Tourney, held at the London International Chess Tournament at the Central Hall, Westminster, and above his autograph, penned the following lines: "If rules of conduct in human societies were as firmly established as the rules of Chess, it would be easier to treat of jurisprudence and political science."

A man of splendid physique, he appeared a veritable descendant of the old Viking Rurik.

With much regret we record the death of Major W. T. Whetham of Bridport, a subscriber to the *B.C.M.*, who died on December 3rd at the age of 84.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 519 Vol. XI,V)

This being the first number of 1926, I take the opportunity of wishing all my solvers and readers "A Happy and Prosperous New Year"!

New subscribers I cordially invite to join our band of solvers, and can guarantee that time spent on the problems will not be wasted, and that their playing strength will thereby increase considerably, whatever their present form may be. And for their benefit, I repeat the Special Competition for readers, already given in November and December last, together with the first two problems.

SPECIAL COMPETITION.

Prizes to be as follows:—

First, £1; second, 10s.; third, a copy of *Modern Chess Openings*, autographed by the authors.

In addition two special prizes have been offered: (a) Copy *Tournament Book of Marienbad*, 1925, autographed by its author, the well-known chess master, I. Gunsberg, offered to the competitor showing the greatest interest, neatness of solutions and general comprehension of the positions regardless of score; (b) 10s. for the best score by a Junior (not a prize winner).

Eight problems to be submitted. Judge to be R. C. Griffith.

The idea of the donor (a solver who wishes to be anonymous) is to encourage regular solvers and to induce the casual reader of these pages to become a solver.

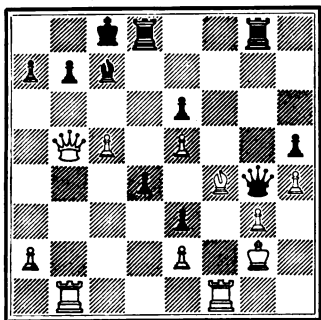
The special problems (two each month) will be in addition to the usual two problems for both Juniors and Seniors.

The solvers who send solutions only to the special problems will not be considered as competing in the prizes, which are meant to increase the number of solvers of these pages.

COMPETITION PROBLEM NO. 1.

After many errors by both players the following position was reached

BLACK (11 pieces)
K c8; Q g4; R d8, g8; B c7;
P a7, b7, d4, e3, e6, h5.



WHITE (11 pieces)
K g2; Q b5; R b1, f1; B f4;
P a2, c5, e2, e5, g3, h4.

Black to play.

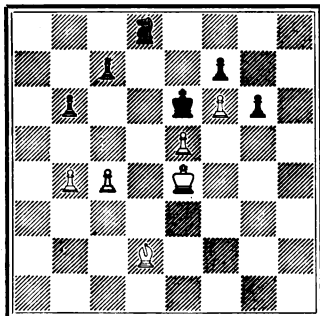
Black has at least four (perhaps more) lines to consider seriously.

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result in all of the best lines Black may follow.

COMPETITION PROBLEM NO. 2.

After White's 41st move the following position was reached

BLACK (6 pieces)
K e6; Kt d8; P b6, c7, f7, g6.



WHITE (6 pieces)
K e4; B d2; P b4, c4, e5, f6.

Black to play.

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result.

The solutions will be given in the February number.

The solutions of these problems should be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by January 31st, 1926. Full name and address, with pseudonym, should be given and the envelope marked on top left hand corner "Special Competition."

The solutions of the Problems given on page 519 of the December number, Vol. XVI are as follows: Junior 17. A position from a game between Freeman and Romanovsky. White won by 1 P—R 6, B—R 1 (If B—Q 4; 2 Q×Kt P); 2 Q×R ch, K×Q; 3 R—Q 8 ch, Q—K 1; 4 R×Q ch, K×R; 5 K—B 1, R—R 7; 6 R—B 8 ch, K—Q 2; 7 R×B, R×R P; 8 R—KB 8, K—K 3; 9 R—Q Kt 8, Resigns. 18. 1 R—Kt 6 ch, K—B 4; 2 K—Kt 7, R—Kt 7 ch; 3 K—B 7, R—K R 7; 4 R—Kt 5 ch, K—B 5; 5 K—Kt 7, R—Kt 7 ch; 6 K—R 6, R—K R 7; 7 R—K R 5. Another way is 1 R—Kt 7, R—R 6; 2 R—KB 7 ch (If R—K Kt 7, R—Q R 6), K—K 3; 3 K—Kt 8, R—K Kt 6 ch or R 7; 4 R—K Kt 7 and wins. If 4.., R—Q R 6; 5 P=Q, R—R 1 ch; 6 R—B 8.

Seniors 17. From a game between Zubarev and Gregoreff, with colours reversed. White wins by 1 P—Kt 4, P×P ch; 2 K—Kt 3! K—Q 6; 3 P—R 5! P×P; 4 P—B 5, P—B 4; 5 P—K 6, P×P; 6 P×P, P—B 5; 7 P—Q 7, P—B 6; 8 P=Q, P—B 7; 9 Q—Q 1, K—B 5; 10 Q—Q 3. If 2... K—Q 7, then after 3 to 8 as above 9 Q—Q 7 ch, K—K 7; 10 Q—B 6, K—Q 7; 11 Q—Q 5 ch, K—K 7; 12 Q—B 4, K—Q 7; 13 Q—Q 5 ch, K—K 7; 14 Q—B 3, P—R 5 ch (If 14... K—K 8; 15 Q—Q 6 ch, K—B 8; 16 K—B 2); 15 K×Kt P, K—Q 8; 16 Q—Q 3 ch, K—B 8; 17 K—B 3, P—R 6; 18 K—K 2. 18. This problem should have been *Black* to play. White wins at once by 1 R—R 7. Will solvers please accept this as an extra problem this month, with *Black* to play. Many of the Seniors said my solution of 16 was insufficient, hence I set this problem, and am exceedingly sorry I let this error escape my notice. The position is White: King on Q B 6; Rook on K R 8. Black: King on Q R 2; Knight on Q Kt 2. Black to play. What result and how?

There were only twelve solvers of the Junior problems. The winner this month is "Tyro," 94, 2, 10, 106, and his score is therefore cancelled. The following are the other totals: "Thule," 78, 6, 10, 94; "Pawn," 79, 4, 3, 86; "Robo," 63, 5, 3, 71; "Lily," 55, 4, 10, 69; "Particles," 41, 1, 5, 47; "Stalemate," 38, 3, 2, 43; "Edina," 31, 4, 4, 39; "Chess," 20, 6, 10, 36; "Tyke," 30, —, 5, 35; "Plachutta," —, 1, 4, 5. No solutions from "Knowsley"—I thought perhaps he intended to go in for the Seniors. There are some solutions (marks 6, 4) unsigned, from "B House, Marlborough."

ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "Plachutta"—Glad to welcome you! Even if your answer to 15 were correct, it would not be sufficient to give but one White move. In 16 you must carry it further; I cannot tell what you would have suggested after 3... K—R 7 or 4... K—Kt 6. "Edina"—Your answer to 16 is correct as to conclusions. See answer to "Plachutta" above. "Stalemate"—You will see from the solution where you went wrong in 16. "Particles"—One move is not sufficient solution to these problems. "Robo"—You will see why you failed in 16 from my solution. "Pawn"—In 16, if 1 K—B 5, K—R 3; 2 K—B 6, K—R 2; 3 K—B 7 does not threaten mate.

There were fifteen solvers to the Senior problems, and "Pussycat" is top of the ladder with 93, 6, 10, 109, takes the small prize and descends to the bottom. The other scores being "Beta," 94, 4, 8, 106; "Sirius," 85, 7, 7, 99; "Clare," 78, 6, 4, 88; "Nemo," 74, 4, 9, 87; "T.E.S.," 70, 6, 10, 86; "Nuorb," 86, no solutions; "A—A," 70, 7, 8, 85; "Delta," 71, 4, 7, 82; "Gambit," 69, 5, 6, 80; "G.A.W. (India)," 67, 5, 4, 76; "Hotchpot," 13/14, 60, 7, 7, 74; "Cic," 62, 4, 5, 71; "Persequere," 33, 4, 3, 40; "Eze," (1) —, 6, 10, 16; "Santermed," —, 5, 6, 11; "Hack," —, —, 9, 9.

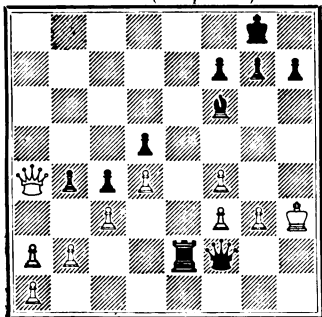
ANSWERS TO SENIORS: "Santermed"—Glad to see your handwriting again. Hope you will be able to send regularly. Your solutions are longer than necessary. We hope the new competition will help. "Hack"—Very glad to welcome you. "Persequere"—My answer to 16 may not appear sufficient, that is the reason I gave 18, but unfortunately with White to play instead of Black. "Cic"—In 15. After 1... Q—Q 2; 2 B×R P, B—B 1; 3 Q—B 4 seems the right move. In 16 you do not go far enough. "T.E.S."—Yes; you are right *re* 9. "Delta"—Very sorry to hear your bad news. Please give him my best wishes for a speedy return to health. "Nemo"—Many thanks: wishes heartily reciprocated. "Clare"—Hope 18, with Black to play, when solved, will sufficiently explain 16.

I am sorry to find in my solution of Senior Problem 14, I transposed two moves: the first answer to (iii) should be 17 Q R—B 1, P×Kt; 18 B×P, Q—K Kt 3 with advantage to Black. As this line is not quite evident, I add a few more moves from the actual game, 19 B×R, B×R; 20 R×B, B—R 6; 21 P—B 4, R×B; 22 P—B 5, Q—Kt 4 and Black won. White had intended 21 P—K 5, R×B; 22 Q—B 2, but saw too late that Black retains his piece by 22... R—Q B 1! The Rubinstein suggestion should read 17 P—B 4, P×Kt; 18 B×P, Q—B 4 ch; 19 K—R 1, R—B 1; 20 P×B with advantage to White.

JUNIOR PROBLEMS.

Problem No. 19.

BLACK (10 pieces)



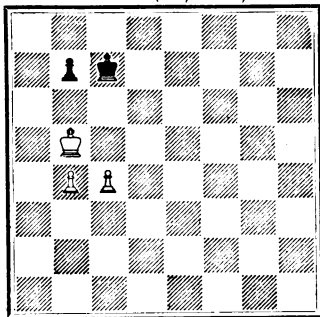
WHITE (10 pieces)

Black to play.

What is the quickest mate?

Problem No. 20.

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

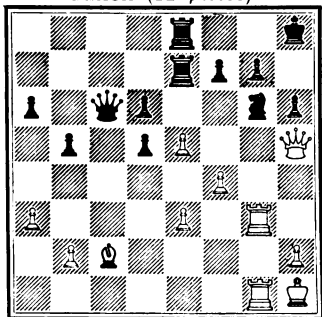
White to play.

What result and how?

SENIOR PROBLEMS.

Problem No. 19.

BLACK (12 pieces)



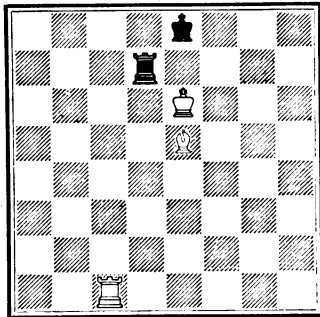
WHITE (11 pieces)

White to play.

How should he continue?

Problem No. 20.

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by 31st January, 1926.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

The Berks. v. Beds. match at St. Bride's, on November 28th, was made more interesting by the sporting declaration of the secretary of the beaten team, who said, "We may get some hard knocks, but we shall go on fighting." It was also nice to note that the blind player, J. W. Thorburn sustained his reputation as the member of the team with least lost games to his debit. Berkshire are making good progress under the new secretary, Mr. Salmon, and it was a pleasure to see a Hamilton still in their team.

BERKSHIRE.					BEDFORDSHIRE.					
1	F. W. Neale	..	..	..	I	W. Church	..	..	..	0
2	P. J. Lawrence	..	..	..	I	R. H. Rushton	..	..	..	0
3	H. Lyford	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. W. Dickens	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	L. A. Rumble	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Dickens	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	J. H. Van Meurs	..	..	..	I	W. H. Knight	..	..	..	0
6	E. J. Brooks	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. W. Thorburn	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	D. M. Polley	..	..	..	I	G. L. White	..	..	..	0
8	H. Runham	..	..	..	I	W. Currant	..	..	..	0
9	G. H. Kingham	..	..	..	I	A. V. Oliver	..	..	..	0
10	S. Dobson	..	..	..	I	T. W. Collins	..	..	..	0
11	G. M. Arrowsmith	..	..	..	I	T. Goddard	..	..	..	0
12	Brian Hamilton	..	..	..	I	Maj. W. R. J. Wingfield	..	..	..	0
13	R. G. Gray	..	..	..	I	Rowland Hill	..	..	..	0
14	E. Lancaster James	..	..	..	I	T. W. Bate	..	..	..	0
15	W. Bell	..	..	..	I	Default	..	..	..	0
16	A. J. Upton	..	..	..	I	Default	..	..	..	0
					14 $\frac{1}{2}$					1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Somerset and Gloucester played their second match of the season at Bath on November 28th, the final figures being the same as on the occasion of the first match, *but* this time Gloucester were on top. The "Elimination of last board rule" gives Somerset the right to enter the next round of the competition.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.						SOMERSET.					
1	H. P. Parsbo	..	..	..	0	Capt. P. D. Bolland	..	..	..	I	
2	C. Welch	..	..	..	I	Herbert Parsons	..	..	..	0	
3	C. Mansfield	..	..	..	I	Rev. E. W. Poynton	..	..	..	0	
4	Rev. H. R. Berry	..	..	..	0	L. C. Seymour	..	..	..	I	
5	D. S. Hole	..	..	..	0	R. M. Norman	..	..	..	I	
6	S. W. Viveash	..	..	..	*0	G. Breakwell	..	..	..	*I	
7	C. E. Jackman	..	..	..	I	F. R. Hill	..	..	..	0	
8	F. R. Rickman	..	..	..	*I	J. L. Palmer..	..	..	..	*0	
9	C. E. Scutt	..	..	..	I	B. T. Barker	..	..	..	0	
10	A. W. Martyn	..	..	..	0	J. Blair	..	..	..	I	
11	W. J. Matthews	..	..	..	0	Comm. R. D. Graham	..	..	..	I	
12	W. Arnold	..	..	..	*½	F. Melhuish	..	..	..	*½	
13	P. Gale	..	..	..	I	Rev. E. C. Mortimer	..	..	..	0	
14	G. W. Powell	..	..	..	0	Wm. Roberts	..	..	..	I	
15	R. O. Platt	..	..	..	I	Rev. S. Caudwell..	..	..	..	0	
16	J. S. Whittles	..	..	..	I	G. E. James	..	..	..	0	
8½						7½					

* After adjudication.

The next Inter-Varsity match, Oxford *v.* Cambridge, being the fiftieth of the series, a jubilee dinner open to all old members of either university chess club will be held on March 20th, 1926, at 8 p.m., at the Trocadero Restaurant. Tickets will be 15/- (exclusive of wines) and may be obtained from A. F. Sutherland, Balliol College, Oxford, or M. A. Vernon, Trinity College, Cambridge. Each member may bring a guest.

Sussex came up to London on December 5th and played Essex at the Central in the two competitions, the Union championship, where they just secured a win $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $9\frac{1}{2}$ and the Amboyna shield (50 a-side), where they scored 28 to 22. Essex put up a splendid fight and were unlucky to lose as all the games left for adjudication were given against them.

Sussex are going strongly for the Amboyna shield, having beaten Kent, Surrey and Essex, they can secure the trophy for the season by beating Middlesex on January 16th. It is not suggested that the task will be any easy one.

SUSSEX.				ESSEX.			
1	G. F. H. Packer	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. J. Price	.. ..	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	G. M. Norman	.. ..	0	E. G. Twitchett	.. ..	.. ..	1
3	A. Emery	.. ..	1	F. Nettleton	.. ..	.. ..	0
4	Rev. E. Griffiths	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Q. Woodfield	.. ..	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	J. Storr Best	.. ..	1	E. J. Randall	.. ..	.. ..	0
6	H. E. Dobell	.. ..	0	F. W. Markwick	.. ..	.. ..	1
7	R. E. Lean	.. ..	0	H. A. Melvin	.. ..	.. ..	1
8	J. H. Jones	.. ..	0	E. Freeman	.. ..	.. ..	1
9	Dr. Dunstan	.. ..	1	C. A. Thorogood	.. ..	.. ..	0
10	H. Crawford	.. ..	1	E. W. Hart	.. ..	.. ..	0
11	J. A. Watt	.. ..	0	W. H. Taylor	.. ..	.. ..	1
12	W. Bridger	.. ..	0	F. E. Sisley	.. ..	.. ..	1
13	C. F. Chapman	.. ..	0	Aylmer Maude	.. ..	.. ..	1
14	C. J. A. Wade	.. ..	1	J. G. Hayes	.. ..	.. ..	0
15	Castle Leaver	.. ..	0	G. F. Hawkins	.. ..	.. ..	1
16	Miss Menchik	.. ..	1	R. H. Bayley	.. ..	.. ..	0
17	G. V. Butler	.. ..	1	J. Allchin	.. ..	.. ..	0
18	W. Mansergh Varley	.. ..	1	R. C. Harvey	.. ..	.. ..	0
19	H. W. Butler	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. G. Elsmore	.. ..	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
20	J. Chandler	.. ..	*1	R. J. Mumford	.. ..	.. ..	*0
Total for Championship							
			19 $\frac{1}{2}$				9 $\frac{1}{2}$
21	R. H. Brown	.. ..	1	E. J. Gibbs	.. ..	.. ..	0
22	E. E. Stockens	.. ..	1	W. E. Evans	.. ..	.. ..	0
23	V. S. Ward	.. ..	1	F. D. Downton	.. ..	.. ..	0
24	P. J. Penney	.. ..	0	R. E. Shepard	.. ..	.. ..	1
25	F. Thompson	.. ..	1	S. Beeton	.. ..	.. ..	0
26	W. Beattie	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	V. B. Hall	.. ..	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
27	T. Hamilton Miller	.. ..	1	E. R. Nickol	.. ..	.. ..	0
28	D. H. Caw	.. ..	0	A. E. Spencely	.. ..	.. ..	1
29	A. T. Watson	.. ..	1	T. Stutchbury	.. ..	.. ..	0
30	W. G. Perrin	.. ..	0	E. Booth	.. ..	.. ..	1
31	E. J. Scrimgeour	.. ..	1	L. T. Weaser	.. ..	.. ..	0
32	E. R. Willett	.. ..	1	A. C. Rendell	.. ..	.. ..	0
33	Geo. Gillam	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Cudmore	.. ..	.. ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
34	S. Hunt	.. ..	0	J. Lee	.. ..	.. ..	1
35	G. E. Smith	.. ..	1	J. C. Bromley	.. ..	.. ..	0
36	H. T. Grover	.. ..	0	E. J. Davies	.. ..	.. ..	1

SUSSEX					26½	ESSEX					15½
37	Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell	..	..	..	½	R. T. Brown	..	..	..	..	½
38	L. A. Glyde	..	..	..	0	J. E. Scrivener	..	..	..	..	I
39	L. B. Hunt	..	..	..	½	P. Wheatley	..	..	..	..	½
40	A. W. Page	..	..	..	I	W. C. Wayley	..	..	..	..	0
41	Miss Musgrave	..	..	..	I	R. J. White	..	..	..	..	0
42	J. White	..	..	..	½	H. A. Campbell	..	..	..	..	½
43	Rev. W. H. Dennison	..	..	..	I	R. W. Bayliss	..	..	..	..	0
44	W. Willett	..	..	..	0	M. T. Stern	..	..	..	..	I
45	Dr. A. E. Wells	..	..	..	I	C. P. Allen	..	..	..	..	0
46	E. Boam	..	..	..	I	V. S. Scholes	..	..	..	..	0
47	J. Enves	..	..	..	0	R. Latham	..	..	..	..	I
48	E. J. Greengrass	..	..	..	0	H. W. Small	..	..	..	..	I
49	Mrs. Kershaw	..	..	..	I	A. C. Smith	..	..	..	..	0
50	G. A. Smith	..	..	..	0	Mrs. C. J. Rogers	..	..	..	..	I
Total for Amboyna Shield					28						22
* For adjudication.											

Midland Counties Chess Union.—In the first round of the Midland Counties chess championship at Nottingham on Saturday, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire played a strenuously contested match, which resulted in a victory for the visitors by the narrowest possible margin. Details :—

STAFFORDSHIRE.					NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.				
1	H. E. Price	..	..	I	J. W. Broadbent	..	..	..	0
2	H. H. Norman	..	..	0	J. H. Dunford	..	..	..	I
3	A. J. G. Butcher	..	..	½	A. Green	..	..	..	½
4	F. C. Short	..	..	I	F. J. Hingley	..	..	..	0
5	J. H. Beebee	..	..	0	H. V. Hand	..	..	..	I
6	K. Henn	..	..	I	G. E. Argyle	..	..	..	0
7	F. Beebee	..	..	0	C. N. Rushton	..	..	..	I
8	J. Bowden	..	..	I	S. P. Kirkby	..	..	..	0
9	W. Barker	..	..	½	H. Parkin	..	..	..	½
10	J. H. Boulton	..	..	I	J. H. Thornton	..	..	..	0
11	Rev. W. M. Hooppell	..	..	0	H. M. Sheppard	..	..	..	I
12	P. P. Paunce	..	..	I	C. I. Fretton	..	..	..	0
13	W. H. Pinkney	..	..	0	T. E. Wright	..	..	..	I
				7					6

We hope to give the other M.C.C.U. matches next month.

The Girls' championship commences at the Imperial Chess Club, 62 Brook Street, London, W., on Tuesday, January 12th. There are still one or two vacancies for this competition for the Challenge cup presented by Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell. Competitors must be under twenty-one years of age, and entries should be sent to Mrs. Arthur Rawson, at the club address, as above.

On December 5th, Kent played Surrey 140 a-side at the Central Hall, Westminster. For the Amboyna shield (first 50 boards) Surrey won by 28 to 22; for the Ebony shield (first 100) Kent won by 52½—47½. On the full 140 the hop county lead by 71½ to 68½. If Kent can beat Middlesex on February 6th they would win the Ebony shield for the third successive year.

Southern Counties Chess Union.—Full score of match played at Bournemouth, November 28th.

HAMPSHIRE.					DORSET.				
1	J. H. Blake	..	..	I	E. L. Raymond	..	..	..	0
2	F. J. H. Elwell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. H. Curtis	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	C. T. Bennett	..	..	I	Capt. R. S. Bowles (absent)	..	..	..	0
4	F. A. Joyce	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. Scudamore	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	H. A. Way	..	..	I	D. H. Napper	..	..	..	0
6	H. D. Lloyd	..	..	I	L. L. Adams	..	..	..	0
7	J. S. West	..	..	I	Capt. P. H. di Marco	..	..	..	0
8	H. D. Osborne	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. T. Wilkinson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	F. G. Binning	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. B. Matthews	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	E. Clayton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. F. Thomas	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	A. J. Woodford	..	..	I	P. Ward	..	..	..	0
12	H. H. R. Northover	..	..	I	B. Griffin	..	..	..	0
13	E. F. Osborne	..	..	0	H. G. Barnes	..	..	..	I
14	G. Trubridge	..	..	I	Rev. W. S. Clarke	..	..	..	0
15	L. C. Whethan	..	..	I	W. Michener	..	..	..	0
16	Brig.-Gen. Muspratt	..	..	I	J. W. B. Irish	..	..	..	0
12 $\frac{1}{2}$					3 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Edwin Woodhouse Cup Competition: Sheffield v. Rotherham and District.—In the second round of the Edwin Woodhouse Cup competition on November 14th, two local teams were drawn together, and the meeting took place at Rotherham. Sheffield were a man short; but won by 6—4. Score:—

SHEFFIELD.					ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT.				
1	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	I	E. J. Griffith	..	..	..	0
2	C. R. Gurnhill	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. R. Fleming	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	E. Dale	..	..	I	F. Davy	..	..	..	0
4	H. H. Clarke	..	..	0	W. Davy	..	..	..	I
5	H. D. Rockett	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. W. Haycock	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	J. Orange	..	..	I	W. H. Jones	..	..	..	0
7	F. Ogden	..	..	I	M. Drohan	..	..	..	0
8	C. North	..	..	I	G. Askew	..	..	..	0
9	J. S. Hamer	..	..	0	B. H. Oliver	..	..	..	I
10	Absentee	..	..	0	S. P. Ludbrook	..	..	..	I
6					4				

Huddersfield v. Hull. This match was cancelled, as Hull were unable to send a team. We hear with great regret that Hull have decided to retire from the competition.

Bradford v. Leeds. Played at Bradford, the home team just winning.

BRADFORD.					LEEDS.				
1	T. A. Staynes	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Schofield	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	H. W. Hodgkinson	..	..	I	P. Wenman	..	..	..	0
3	H. L. Brooke	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Pollard	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	J. W. Morton	..	..	I	S. Leader	..	..	..	0
5	I. M. Brown	..	..	0	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	I
6	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	0	M. Andrew	..	..	..	I
7	T. Hillary	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. G. Addingley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	W. Staynes	..	..	I	J. A. Brown	..	..	..	0
9	J. R. Deacon	..	..	I	W. Skirrow	..	..	..	0
10	W. W. Hale	..	..	0	W. F. Curtis	..	..	..	I
5 $\frac{1}{2}$					4 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Sheffield *v.* Huddersfield. The five games which were left unfinished in this match, played October 31st, have now been settled by agreement. The game on board 9 (J. S. Hamer *v.* F. M. Bassano) is a win for Sheffield, and the other four are drawn. Sheffield wins the match by $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$.

By the time these lines appear in print, the Hastings Congress will be nearing its conclusion, and we hope to give a full account in the February number. To whet the appetites of our readers we give the names of competitors in the two principal tourneys:—Premier Tournament: A. Alekhine, E. Colle, D. Janowski, R. P. Michell, G. M. Norman, Dr. Seitz, E. G. Sergeant, Dr. Vidmar, V. L. Wahltuch and F. D. Yates. Major Tournament: Capt. P. D. Bolland, V. Buerger, M. E. Goldstein, N. B. Holmes, E. T. Jesty, Miss Menchik, J. H. Morrison, G. F. H. Packer, H. J. Stephenson and Alfred Teller. The last-named recently obtained third place in the Championship of Czecho-Slovakia. There are over 100 entries in all.

The following important item of news appeared in the *Manchester Evening News* of December 12th:—"Following the example of Cambridge University in awarding half-blues to the members of the inter-'varsity team, Manchester University had decided to award half-colours to the first team members."

Our staunch supporter from Cumberland, Mr. J. R. Whiting, writes: "On looking back I find that I have taken the *B.C.M.* every year since August, 1889, rather over 36 years!"

We should greatly like to know how many more subscribers we have who can equal or beat this record.

The Year Book of Lancashire Chess Association just to hand is a nice production of 24 pages, printed on superior paper. The present list of officers is given, together with Council's Report (a good one, in which the organising work of J. T. Thompson is warmly acknowledged), the results of the County Tournament (B. Cohen, champion), and the North Lancashire Championship (S. Keir, winner). Then follows the balance sheet (£20 4s. 11d. in hand), the score of last season's matches, with five fully-annotated games, and a page of most useful tips for adjudicators, well worth reading by all who ever attempt this laborious and dangerous form of amusement. Pages 19 and 20 contain an excellent homily on Chess Congresses, and it is not difficult to guess the name of the author of this; one of our best amateurs whose games are often of master strength. Hear how he spent his time at Stratford-on-Avon!

A bath in the river before breakfast, chess in the morning, tennis or boating in the afternoon, chess again in the evening (when there was an adjourned game to finish), otherwise a stroll, the theatre, or a game of bridge, according to inclination. A wet afternoon afforded an opportunity and an excuse for sight-seeing.

The booklet concludes with a complete list and full particulars of the 54 clubs affiliated to the Association.

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ARTHUR ASHBY
Cornwall Champion, 1924-5

Cornwall.—The far Western County, whose Year Book has just been printed, have lost their president, Lt.-Col. F. D. Bain, who died some two months ago. A modest and reserved man, he was keen on the game and popular with his county executive, and his loss is greatly felt. He is succeeded in the presidency by the match captain, H. A. Adamson, who will fill both positions. J. M. Bear, of Redruth, who has served the county for years, comes back to the Secretariat.

Despite its heavy geographical handicap, Cornwall Association, always keeps its head well above water. It has 7 affiliated clubs, over 100 members, and a most respectable balance sheet.

An interesting function took place at the Newman Galleries, Oxford Street, London, on December 13th, when Señor Capablanca with the dust of his long journey from Moscow hardly brushed off, gave a simultaneous display to the Maccabeans. The champion is a great favourite with the members of the well-known Jewish Club and the arrangements made to ensure the success of the séance were of a very high order. The well-appointed hall with its deep purple carpets, gilded chairs and Doric alcoves, gave that appearance of comfort to the proceedings which are not always present at chess gatherings. Of the hundred or more players anxious to take a board, the limit was reached when 46 were seated : a wise decision, as only 4½ hours were available for play. The Cuban moved with his usual ease and rapidity, and the display was nearing its end when a group of spectators gathered round the young Russian Rifkin were heard to sound an alarm, which culminated in a cheer, announcing the Champion's first defeat (by the youngest of his opponents). Shortly after the remaining eight or ten games were adjudicated, and Capablanca conceded three wins to J. Birnberg, M. E. Goldstein and R. F. Goldstein respectively. The final figures were 34 wins, 8 draws and 4 losses. A very fine performance when one remembers the

strenuous two months which preceded the efforts of the World's Champion and the obvious strength of a large number of his opponents.

London Chess League.—Good progress has been made in this competition since our last report and several close results have been recorded. The following shows how the clubs stand at present. (For all results not given below see pp. 458 (November) and 503 (December). Hampstead (won *v.* Islington $14\frac{1}{2}$), won 3, lost 0; Metropolitan (beat Bohemians $11\frac{1}{2}$, Wood Green $14\frac{1}{2}$, Leyton 11, but lost to West London 9), won 6, lost 1; Lud-Eagle (beat Wood Green $17\frac{1}{2}$ but lost to North London 9), won 4, lost 1; West London beat Metropolitan 11 and Bohemians $11\frac{1}{2}$, won 4, lost 1; North London (beat Lee $12\frac{1}{2}$ but lost to Lud-Eagle 9), won 6, lost 1; Brixton (lost to Leyton 8), won 1, lost 2; Battersea (beat Lewisham $11\frac{1}{2}$), won 4, lost 0; Lewisham (beat Islington 12, but lost to Battersea $8\frac{1}{2}$ and Leyton 5) won 1, lost 4; Leyton (beat Brixton 12, Lewisham 15 and Bohemians 12, but lost to Lud-Eagle 9), won 3, lost 2; Wood Green (beat Lee $15\frac{1}{2}$, but lost to Athenaeum $5\frac{1}{2}$ and Lud-Eagle $2\frac{1}{2}$), won 2, lost 5; Athenaeum (beat Wood Green 14), won 1, lost 3; Bohemians (lost to Metropolitan $8\frac{1}{2}$, West London $8\frac{1}{2}$ and Leyton 8), lost 5, won 0; Lee (lost to North London $7\frac{1}{2}$, Wood Green $4\frac{1}{2}$ and Bohemians $8\frac{1}{2}$), lost 6, won 0; Islington (lost to Hampstead $5\frac{1}{2}$ and Lewisham 8), lost 6, won 0.

In the London Commercial Chess League, the three leaders are Lloyds $4\frac{1}{2}$ points (won 4, drawn 1); St. Helen's Court 4 points (won 3, drawn 2); Motor Union 3 points (won 3, lost 1).

The London chess congress this year will be held from January 4th to 10th. The date was altered so as not to clash with the Hastings congress, but unfortunately the latter has been lengthened and will not finish till January 5th, so that competitors in that cannot very well enter for the London one. The entries received for the chief event include: A. M. Ewbank, R. C. Griffith, Mrs. Holloway, N. Kazi, J. H. Morrison, Dr. F. St. J. Steadman, W. H. Watts, G. Wernick, Ernest Williams, W. Winter.

It is hoped to make arrangements for J. H. Morrison, who is playing at Hastings, to take part, but it is a matter for the other competitors.

For the other tourneys the following entries have so far been received. Entries are open till the last day of the year. *Minor*: Miss Andrews, F. M. Argrave, Miss Chater, F. J. Dennis, Miss Lily Eveling, Mrs. Ewbank, W. H. Hipkiss, Lindsay-Moodie, A. W. McMullen, S. J. Osborn, J. Strachstein. *Boys' Championship of London*: M. L. Adler, Max Black, P. E. Bowers, Clement Bruning, Rupert Cross, Geoffrey Rowson, J. B. Smith, S. E. B. Solomons, B. St. J. Steadman.

The leading scores in the City of London championship for the Gastineau cup are: V. L. Wahltuch, 6 out of 13; J. H. Blake, $5\frac{1}{2}$ (6); R. P. Michell, $4\frac{1}{2}$ (7); H. B. Uber, $4\frac{1}{2}$ (7); E. G. Sergeant, 4 (6); H. Saunders, 4 (6); E. T. Jesty, 4 (7); R. C. J. Walker, $3\frac{1}{2}$ (6).

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

Hyères.—The second annual chess gathering will take place January 18th to 23rd. In the principal tournament the prizes will be : first, the Philidor challenge cup and fr. 1,000 ; second, fr. 500 ; third, fr. 350 ; fourth, fr. 150. In the Minor tournament : first, fr. 500 ; second, fr. 300 ; third, fr. 200. Entries can be received up to January 10th. Entrance fee, fr. 50 for the cup, and fr. 30 for the Minor tournament. A. J. Maas, La Palmeraie, Hyères, will give every information. Several players from England have already entered and there is still time for further entries if prompt application is made.

South Africa.—There was a good gathering of the members of the Bloemfontein Chess Club and others when Dr. Van Hoepen gave an exhibition of simultaneous playing. Unfortunately, owing to a scarcity of boards, only seven players were able to take part. All put up a strong game, but the most stubbornly contested was with Miss Belfort. The doctor had at the finish a Pawn to the good, but owing to the position it was no advantage, and the game was declared a draw. The result was certainly a tribute to Dr. Van Hoepen's scientific knowledge of the game, as his opponents were of no mean calibre. The following is the result : Won 5 : Mr. Huggins, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Arrow, Mr. Turner, Mrs. Van Hoepen, senr. Lost 1 : Mr. Hutchins. Drawn 1 : Miss Belfort.

On the 29th October the Pretoria Chess Club held its annual general meeting. The report and balance sheet showed the club to be in a flourishing condition, thanks largely to the hon. secretary, A. Lubowski. The club did not support the proposal to hold a South African championship tournament next Easter—failing a properly constituted authority to manage such contests. The *Pretoria News* suggests that the formation of a Chess Federation should take precedence over everything, and that the sooner this is done the better it will be for South African chess.

France.—The October number of the Bulletin de la Fédération Française des Echecs gives a lengthy extract from the proceedings of the second congress of the International Chess Federation held at Zurich last July. M. Carvel, chess editor of the *Journal de Rouen* describes a method of handicapping devised by M. Casier, president of the *Echiquier Elbeurien*. This consists in handicapping the players in a given tournament by crediting them with the points dropped in the previous tournament. Thus, A, who lost two games out of ten last time will receive 2 points, while B who won but 2 will get 8. Among those of equal score, Berger's rule is applied, namely of crediting each with the score of those whom he has beaten. It is stated that this system has proved most successful at the *Echiquier Elbeurien* and at the *Cercle Rouennais*. M. Fernand Gavarry contributes a

detailed mention of the objects connected with chess, which he observed in the Exhibition of Decorative Arts at Paris.

The third contest for the championship of France was held at Nice from the 2nd to 9th September, and resulted in a victory for the holder of the title, M. Robert Crépeaux, of Grasse, with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 8. The local master, M. G. Renaud, devoted himself so entirely to promoting the success of the meeting that his score suffered severely, while the presence of M. Alekhine as umpire lent an invaluable cachet to the proceedings.

GAME No. 5,592.

Played in the French championship.

Two Knights' Defence.

GAUDIN	FRED. LAZARD	GAUDIN	FRED. LAZARD
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	8 Kt×Kt	8 Q—R 5
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	9 P—Q 3	9 B—K Kt 5
3 B—B 4	3 Kt—B 3	10 Q—Q 2	10 B—B 6
4 Kt—Kt 5	4 P—Q 4	11 B—Kt 5 +	11 P—B 3
5 P×P	5 Kt—Q 5	12 P×P	12 Castles Q R
6 Kt—Q B 3	6 P—K R 3	13 P×P +	13 K—Kt 1
7 K Kt—K 4	7 Kt×Kt	14 B—R 6	14 B×P
		Resigns	

A correspondence match is in progress between France and Italy, with 15 players on each side. Games not completed by the 1st July next will be adjudicated.

The regular double-round open tournament of the Nice Chess Club, in progress since early October, finished on November 26th, with the following results: 1st prize, I. Gunsberg; 2nd, G. Renaud; 3rd, Count Villeneuve de Esclapon; 4th, Dr. Telling; 5th, Sir Watson Rutherford; 6th, Constantin; 7th, Cortellazzo; 8th, J. Vernet; 9th, G. Vernet; 10th, Sicard; 11th, Hein; 12th, Hallberg; 13th, Londner; 14th, Dr. Walker; 15th, Vitta.

The feature of the tournament was the steady play of the veteran master, I. Gunsberg, who bowled over his younger opponents with surprising ease and regularity although he was ill during the greater part of the tournament. The rest of the list finished in close accordance with their actual playing strength.

GAME No. 5,593.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
VILLENEUVE	RENAUD	VILLENEUVE	RENAUD
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	11 Q×B	11 Kt—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	12 B—Q 3	12 Castles
3 P—Q 4	3 P×P	13 Kt—Q 2	13 Q—Kt 1 ?
4 Kt×P	4 Kt—K B 3	14 Kt—Kt 3	14 Q—Kt 3
5 B—Q B 4	5 Kt×K P ?	15 Kt—B 5	15 Q R—K 1 ?
6 Kt×Kt	6 Kt P×Kt	16 Q—Q 4	16 Kt—Q 2
7 Castles	7 P—Q 4	17 P—Kt 4	17 Kt×Kt
8 Q—K 2	8 B—K 3	18 P×Kt	18 Q—Kt 1
9 P—K B 3	9 B—B 4 +	19 Q R—K 1	19 Q—B 1
10 B—K 3	10 B×B +	20 R—K 5	20 B—Q 2 ?

21 B×P + !!!	21 K×B	35 P—Kt 5 !!	35 R—K 2
22 Q—R 4 +	22 K—Kt 1	36 P—Kt 6	36 P—Q 5
23 R—R 5	23 P—B 3	37 Q—B 6 +	37 K—Kt 1
24 R—R 8 +	24 K—B 2	38 P—R 5	38 P—Q 6
25 Q—R 5 +	25 K—K 2	39 P—R 6	39 P—Q 7
26 R—R 7	26 R—B 2	40 P—R 7 +	40 R×P
27 R—K 1 +	27 B—K 3	41 P×R +	41 K×P
28 P—K B 4	28 P—K B 4	42 R—Q 1	42 B×R P
29 Q—Kt 6	29 R—Kt 1	43 K—B 2	43 Q—Q 4
30 P—K R 4	30 Q—Q 2	44 Q—R 4 +	44 K—Kt 3
31 P—Kt 4	31 R—B 3	45 R—Kt 1 +	45 K—B 2
32 R×P +	32 R×R	46 Q—R 7 +	46 K—B 1
33 Q×R +	33 R—B 2	47 Q—R 8 +	47 Resigns
34 Q—K 5	34 K—B 1 !!		

GAME No. 5,594.

WHITE GUNSBERG	BLACK VITTA	WHITE GUNSBERG	BLACK VITTA
1 P—K 4	1 P—Q B 3	12 Castles	12 B—K 3
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4	13 Kt×B !!	13 Q×Q
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P×P	14 Kt×Kt P +	14 K—Q 1
4 Kt×P	4 Kt—K B 3	15 Q R—Q 1	15 Q—Q 2
5 Kt—Kt 3	5 P—K 4	16 B×P	16 B—Q 3
6 Kt—B 3	6 P×P	17 Kt—K 4	17 R—B 1
7 Kt×P	7 B—Q B 4	18 Kt×B	18 Q—Kt 5
8 B—K 3	8 Kt—Kt 5	19 K—K 6 +	19 K—K 2
9 Q—Q 2	9 Kt×B	20 Kt×R	20 Kt—B 3
10 P×Kt	10 B—K 2	21 B—K 6	21 Resigns
11 B—B 4	11 P—Q B 4		

Because White threatens at the same time mate in two and to win the Queen. And if 21. . ., Q×R White remains after the exchanges with one piece and two Pawns to the good.

Czecho-Slovakia.—Played in Group XXIV of the Correspondence tournament of the German Chess Association in Czecho-Slovakia.

GAME No. 5,595.

Scotch Game.

WHITE WIRTH (Höflitz)	BLACK GIERTHE (Petschau)	WHITE WIRTH (Höflitz)	BLACK GIERTHE (Petschau)
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	9 P×Kt P	9 Castles
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	10 P×P	10 R—K 1 +
3 P—Q 4	3 P×P	11 B—K 3	11 Q—Q 3
4 Kt×P	4 Kt—B 3	12 K B—Kt 5 ?	12 Q—B 4
5 Q Kt—B 3	5 B—Kt 5	13 B—K 2	13 Q×Q B P +
6 Kt×Kt	6 Kt P×Kt	14 B—Q 2	14 R×B +
7 B—Q 3	7 P—Q 4	15 K×R	
8 P×P	8 B×Kt +	Black announced mate in four.	

(From the Chess News of the *Teplitz-Schönau Advertiser*).

Russia.—Naturally the Russian chess magazines are full of the great tournament at Moscow, and will be found most interesting especially to those conversant with the language. All the same,

the German notation is used, with modifications for the symbols representing the pieces, while the photos speak for themselves.

Shachmaty Listok, for example, which is published at Leningrad, describes in general terms the play of each round, gives a selection of the games, with annotations, embellished with characteristic photos of the players when actually sitting at the game. Thus in No. 22 there is a photo of Iljin-Zenevsky above the record of his game with the world's champion, and at the end of the score a photo of an excited crowd watching the moves on a large board set against the wall. Beneath appears the dramatic announcement "Capablanca is losing." In this same number appear exact reproductions of notes by Lasker, Réti and Capablanca. Lasker (in German) says: "Russia's chess is active, youthful, creative and believes in the immeasurability of the true and the beautiful." Réti (also in German) says: "I am delighted to be able to take part, in a country where chess is on the way to become a national game. The chess masters who know now that they are not as formerly working for a narrow circle will give of their best in the U.S.S.R." Capablanca (in English) observes that "Chess is becoming so easy to play that very soon there will be several unbeatable players."

Another Russian chess magazine bears the laconic title "64." It is published in Moscow and bears some resemblance to the other magazine above mentioned, but includes draughts. It also has some photographs of pairs of masters at the tournament actually engaged in playing. And very serious some of them look.

Switzerland.—P. Johner was an easy victor at the twenty-ninth meeting of the Swiss Chess Association at Zurich, with a score of 10 out of 11, drawing two only. The runner-up was F. Gygli, with a score of 7.

On the 26th September, Alekhine played simultaneously at Basle against ten opponents, eight of whom belonged to the first class. He won 7, lost 3 and drew 1. In a display against thirty-one players he won 25, drew 4 and lost only 2.

United States.—The first place in the Dimock tournament at the Marshall Chess Club has been secured by Albert S. Pinkus.

At the Brooklyn Institute Chess Club, Herman Helms encountered twenty-one simultaneously, winning 14 games, drawing 5 and losing 2.

City College, N.Y. University and Buffalo have announced their intention to enter teams in the annual championship competition of the Inter-collegiate Chess League during the Christmas holidays.

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Year Book.—Will members please note that Mr. North's postal expenses should read 16/- instead of £16. We regret this error in the printing. We have a few copies left, which can be obtained by non-members at a cost of 6d. post free. There are also a few back numbers of our magazines, which can be had at 4d., post free.

Change of addresses.—R. Hopkins to 619 Liverpool Road, Patricroft, Manchester. H. C. Godfrey should be 30 Cambridge Road, New Malden, Surrey. A. H. Brayne to 74 Englefield Road, Southgate Road, N.1. Lieut. Porch (ret. R.N.) has returned to 442 City Road, Sheffield.

Trophy Results.—Class 1, E. Bodkin beat L. Illingworth and W. D. Rockett. (H. W. Shardlow retired and his score is cancelled). 2a, F. E. Ward beat H. Bardsley; 3b, H. F. Lowe beat A. A. Kennedy and J. L. Rynders, G. A. Wilcox beat R. C. Day; 4b, J. S. Marsden and R. W. Houghton beat W. Lambert (I. Brown retired and his score is cancelled); 5, J. C. Derlien beat J. T. D. Halford, R. G. Tyzack beat J. C. Derlien.

Handicap Results.—Armitage beat Rynders (2), Hume (2) and Wilson (2); Anderton beat Day, Brown beat Seymore and Hollingdale; Bodkin beat Wilson; Day beat Anderton; Miss Drummond beat Stewart (2); George beat Lyon-Campbell, Whitty (2); Organ beat Whall (2); Lyon-Campbell beat Oldfield (2), Whitty; Rynders beat Ward; Heywood beat Miss New, Murray, Seymore; Tyzack beat Taplin; Tapsfield beat Wilson; Weaver beat Whitty (2), Lyon-Campbell (2); Whitty beat George. Draws: Browne v. Hollingdale, Bodkin v. Clarke, Steel v. Ward (2), Day v. Hollingdale (2), Lyon-Campbell v. Whitty, Milburn v. Seymore, Tapsfield v. Wilson, Bardsley v. Wilson, Garrus beat Taplin (2).

Knock-out Tourney.—W. Lister has entered for the Semi-Final of No. 1 Tourney, Bronze Medal Section, paired with R. Murray. D. Hume has retired owing to illness, and E. Bodkin enters the Final of No. 1 Tourney, Gold Medal Section. We hope Mr. Hume will have a speedy recovery. W. H. Jones is paired with E. S. Davis in Bronze Medal No. 2 Tourney.

Match against Jersey Island.—Mrs. Bruce, Muscot, Peat Douet, Jersey, has been substituted at board 13 in place of A. Moicnard.

GAME No. 5,596.

Played in Class 1b of the Trophies Tourney, 1924-25. Notes by Chambers.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
J. D. CHAMBERS	Maj. E. M. JONES	J. D. CHAMBERS	Maj. E. M. JONES	J. D. CHAMBERS	Maj. E. M. JONES	J. D. CHAMBERS	Maj. E. M. JONES
(Penarth)	(St. Albans)	(Penarth)	(St. Albans)	(Penarth)	(St. Albans)	(Penarth)	(St. Albans)
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	19 R—Q B 1	19 Q—Kt 4				
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—Q B 4	20 R—B 2	20 P—K B 4				
3 P—K 3	3 Kt—Q B 3	21 P—Q B 4 (a)	21 Q P × P				
4 P—Q B 3	4 P—K 3	22 B—K B 1	22 Q R—Q 1				
5 B—Q 3	5 Kt—B 3	23 P × P	23 P—K B 5				
6 Q Kt—Q 2	6 P—B 5	24 K P × P	24 B × P				
7 B—K 2	7 B—Q 3	25 B—K Kt 2	25 B—Kt 1				
8 Castles	8 P—Q R 3	26 R (B 2)—K 2	26 Q—Kt 3				
9 R—K 1	9 P—Q Kt 4	27 Q—B 2	27 B—R 2 (b)				
10 P—Q Kt 3	10 P × P	28 B × Kt (c)	28 R × B				
11 P × P	11 Castles	29 R × R	29 B × R				
12 B—Kt 2	12 B—Kt 2	30 Q × B (d)	30 Q—K B 3				
13 B—Q 3	13 P—K 4	31 Kt—B 5 (e)	31 B × P ch				
14 P × P	14 Kt × P	32 K—Kt 2 (f)	32 Q—B 2 (g)				
15 Kt × Kt	15 B × Kt	33 R—K 2	33 B—R 2				
16 Kt—B 3	16 B—B 2	34 Q—K 5	34 Q—Kt 2 ch				
17 Kt—Q 4	17 R—K 1	35 K—R 3	35 Q—Q 2				
18 P—K Kt 3	18 Kt—K 5	36 K—R 4	36 Resigns (h)				

(a) To break up Black's centre.

(b) A doubtful counter-attack, but if Kt—Q 3 as a defence, White plays Q × Q with certain advantage.

(c) The Knight is won and Black's chances are lessened.

(d) Right, for if Q × Q then 31 R × Q with continued advantage.

(e) A double-shot, combining defence and attack, gaining a *tempus*, always of value in chess.

(f) Best. For if K × B then Q × B ch with fair prospects.

(g) If Q × B, White mates in six, starting with Q—K 6 ch, K—B 1 (forced, for if K—R 1 mate in two); 34 Q—K 7 ch, K—Kt 1; 35 Q × R ch, K—B 2, etc.

(h) For if he replies 36... Q—B 2, then 37 Kt—R 6 ch and if P × Kt; 38 Q—R 8 mate, or if 36... K—R 1; 37 R—Q 2 if B—Kt 1; 38 Q × P ch, Q × Q (forced); 39 R × R mate. Again if 36... K—B 1; 37 Kt × K P, if B—Q 5 or Kt 1 38; Kt—Q 6 ch, and White mates in three.

The following is the pairings in our match *versus* Jersey Island :

B.C.C.A.		JERSEY.		B.C.C.A.		JERSEY.	
1 W. H. Gunston	..	R. Andrews.		11 Rev. A. H. Tollit	..	J. Tregear.	
2 E. W. Carmichael	..	G. L. Dupré.		12 J. Oliver Brown	..	A. V. Nash.	
3 E. Parsons	..	.. W. Fenh.		13 P. Rocks, junr.	..	Mrs. Bruce.	
4 I. E. Ward	..	E. A. Andrews		14 J. L. Rynders	..	T. Sutcliffe.	
5 P. Wilson	..	A. Braham.		15 A. F. Anderton	..	Mr. Dodsley.	
6 C. North	..	A. de Petrovsky.		16 R. N. Murray	..	Capt. Le Brun.	
7 G. F. Colborne	..	Mr. Burrows.		17 A. R. Coole	..	A. J. Norman.	
8 Rev. P. Armitage	..	E. McEwan.		18 J. Holland	..	Mrs. Andrews.	
9 A. Lesser	..	J. Marquis.		19 J. T. Steele	..	A. Garde.	
10 H. A. Clarke	..	Capt. L'Amy.		20 R. P. Boutland	..	Mr. Thompson.	

B.C.C.A. has the move on the odd numbered boards.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

Two games from the tournament at Breslau in July-August last.
Notes by J.H.B.

GAME No. 5,597.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
A. RUBINSTEIN	H. VON GOTTSCHALL
1 P—Q B 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q 4	2 P—K 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P—Q 4
4 B—Kt 5	4 B—K 2
5 P—K 3	5 P—B 3
6 Kt—B 3	6 Q Kt—Q 2
7 R—B 1	7 Castles
8 B—Q 3	8 P×P
9 B×P	9 Kt—Q 4
10 B×B	

Alekhine's move 10 Kt—K 4 is now considered stronger.

11 Castles	10 Q×B
12 R×Kt	11 Kt×Kt

If 12 P×Kt Black proceeds by ... P—Q Kt 4; ... P—Q R 3 and ... P—Q B 4, on the lines of the defence revived at Meran (see game No. 5,411, July).

13 Kt×P	12 P—K 4
14 P×Kt	13 Kt×Kt
15 P—B 4	14 Q×P

This attacking line, whose immediate object is to confine Black's Bishop, was introduced at this stage in a game with living pieces, played by Rubinstein and Dr. Lasker, at Berlin in 1924.

.....15... Q—K 5 would hinder White's next. White could it is true, play 16 B—Q 3 and 17 P—B 5, but his Bishop would then be in a much less favourable position.

16 P—B 5	15 Q—K 2
	16 R—Q 1

.....Lasker played, on the occasion mentioned, 16... B—Q 2. Its superiority to the text-move soon becomes apparent.

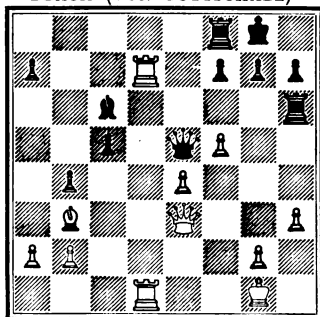
17 Q—R 5	17 R—Q 3
18 P—K 4	18 R—R 3
19 Q—K 2	19 P—Q Kt 4

.....And still the quieter ... B—Q 2 seems preferable. The line taken results in a lack of co-operation between the Black pieces, painfully evident about the 23rd move.

20 B—Kt 3	20 Q—K 4
21 P—K R 3	21 B—Kt 2
22 R—Q 1	22 R—K B 1
23 Q—K 3	23 P—Kt 5
24 Q R—Q 3	24 P—B 4
25 R—Q 7	25 B—B 3

Position after 25... B—B 3.

BLACK (VON GOTTSCHALL)



WHITE (RUBINSTEIN)

.....25... Q×K P would lose at once by 26 Q×Q, B×Q; 27 R×B P.

26 R×R P

Here White missed a fine win by 26 R×B P, R×R; 27 R—Q 8 ch, B—K 1; 28 Q—B 4! Q—K 2; 29 Q—Kt 8, K—B 1; 30 B—R 4 and should win, as Black must give up his Queen. After the escape Black strengthens the weak point, with much relief to his game.

26 R—B 3
 27 B—Q 5
 28 R×B
 29 R×Q B P

If 29 Q×P, threatening mate in two by 30 Q×R ch, Black plays 29... Q—Kt 8 ch; 30 K—R 2, Q×K P, and has a winning game.

29 R—Q 3
 30 P—K 5
 Better was 30 R—Q 5, R—Q B 3; 31 R—Q 2, keeping the

Black Rook from White's second rank.

30 R—Q 7
 31 R—K 7
 32 Q—Kt 8 ch
 33 Q×B P
 34 Q—B 8
 35 R—K 8

Here White lost by infraction of the time limit. His game could not, however, be saved against the alternative threats of ... Q—Kt 8 ch and ... Q—R 8 ch.

GAME NO. 5,598.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
Dr. S. TARRASCH	B. MORITZ
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P—Q 4
4 B—Kt 5	4 B—K 2
5 P—K 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2
6 Kt—B 3	6 Castles
7 R—B 1	7 P—B 3
8 Q—B 2	

8 B—Q 3 is now more in favour.

8 P—Q R 3
 9 P×P

Avoiding the continuation 9 B—Q 3, P×P; 10 B×P, Kt—Q 4, but it offers Black another method of effecting the same purpose.

	9 K P×P
10 B—Q 3	10 R—K 1
11 Castles	11 Kt—B 1
12 P—K R 3	12 Kt—K 5

.....Rendered feasible by White's 9th move, but for which Black would have a Pawn at K 3.

13 B—K B 4 13 Kt×Kt

.....Although the alternative move of 13... P—K B 4 gives up to White the command of the

important K 4 square, it would in spite of that be better to keep this well-posted Knight as long as possible, as it considerably limits White's possible lines of attack.

14 P×Kt	14 B—Q 3
15 B×B	15 Q×B
16 P—B 4	16 P—Q Kt 4

.....This move does not forward his game in any real sense, for the Bishop will be as much out of play at Q Kt 2 as it is at Q B 1; besides which it enhances the value of White's possession of the Q B file. A better line was 16... P×P; 17 B×P, B—K 3; 18 B—Q 3, P—K Kt 3, and he gets breathing space.

17 P×Q P	17 P×P
18 Q—B 5	18 R—Q 1
19 Kt—K 5	19 Kt—K 3

.....Not 19... P—B 3 because 20 Kt—B 6, R—Q 2; 21 Q×Q, R×Q; 22 Kt—K 7 ch wins.

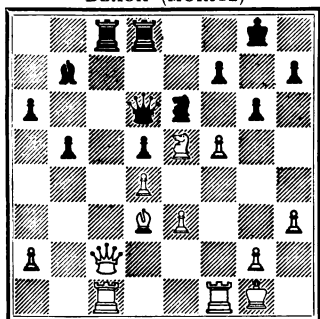
20 Q—B 2	20 P—K Kt 3
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.....There was now nothing better to do than play the Knight back to B 1.

21 P—B 4!	21 B—Kt 2
22 P—B 5!	22 Q R—B 1

Position after 22... Q R—B I.

BLACK (MORITZ)



WHITE (TARRASCH)

23 P×Kt!

Rook, minor piece, and Pawn at the seventh rank, are generally more than compensation for the Queen.

24 P×P ch

23 R×Q

24 K—B I

25 R×R

26 Q R—B 2

27 B×K Kt P!

25 R—B I

26 R—Q I

Here the order of the moves is highly important. Were White to play first 27 R—B 6, Q—R 6! 28 B×K Kt P there follows ... Q×P ch!

28 R—B 6

29 Kt×P ch

30 P—B 8 (Q) ch

31 Kt×R

32 K—R 2

33 R—Kt 6 ch

27 P×B

28 Q—R 6

29 K—Kt 2

30 R×Q

31 Q×P ch

32 B—B I

33 Resigns

..... For upon 33... K—R I ;

34 R—B 7!

GAME No. 5,599.

Played in the last all-Russian tournament at Leningrad. Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE

BLACK

B. WERLINSKY E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF

1 P—Q 4

2 P—Q B 4

3 Kt—Q B 3

4 Q—B 2

1 Kt—K B 3

2 P—K 3

3 B—Kt 5

Alekhine prefers 4 Q—Kt 3 ; see also *M.C.O.*

5 P—K 3

6 Kt—K B 3

7 B—Q 2

8 P—Q R 3!

9 B—Q 3

10 P×P

4 P—B 4

5 Kt—Q B 3

6 P—Q 3

7 Castles

8 B—R 4

9 P×P

10 P—K 4

11 P×P

12 Castles Q R

11 P×P

In view of his Pawn position a courageous course and showing considerable insight. Black is now seen to have a poor game.

12 B—K Kt 5

..... He should for safety play ... Kt—Q 5 immediately, before White has time to clear the file for his Rook.

13 B—Kt 5!

(See Diagram)

14 Kt×Kt!

15 R×B

13 Kt—Q 5

14 B×R

15 Q×Kt

..... 15... P×Kt; 16 Kt—Q 5 would lead to a fatal break-up of his King's side in a few moves.

16 Kt—Q 5

16 B×P ch would be premature, on account of Kt×B; 17 R×Q, P×R, and as two White pieces are *en prise* Black would get one more piece, too much to pay for the Queen.

..... Hoping thereby to get rid of the usual weakness of defence to the Queen's Pawn Opening, *i.e.*, the difficulty of developing the Queen's Bishop to any purpose; but he succeeds only in showing up the defects of his position. A much quieter course was called for; perhaps 10... B—B 2, preparatory to ... P—Q Kt 3.

16 Kt×Kt

.....If ..., B—Q 1; 17 B×
Kt and 18 B×P ch wins.

17 B×P ch 17 K—R 1
18 R×Q 18 P×R
19 Q—B 5 19 B—Q 1
20 P—B 4

Not 20 B×B, K R×B; 21
P×Kt (21 Q—R 5, Kt—B 5;
22 Q—R 4, Kt×P), P—K Kt 3;
22 Q—R 3 ch, K—Kt 2, and as
the Bishop cannot be extricated
White might not succeed in
winning against the two Rooks.

20 B×B

.....20..., Kt—B 3; 21 B×
Kt, B×B; 22 Q—R 5, K R—Q 1;
23 B—Kt 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 24
B×P ch, is favourable to White.

21 P×B 21 Kt—K 2
22 Q—R 3 22 K R—Q 1
23 B—Q 3 ch 23 K—Kt 1

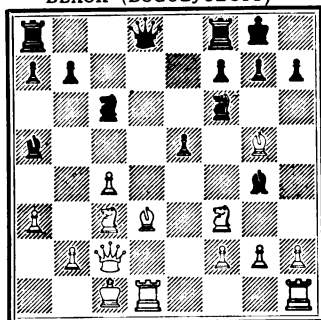
24 Q—R 7 ch 24 K—B 1
25 Q—R 8 ch 25 Kt—Kt 1
26 B—R 7 26 K—K 2
27 Q×P 27 R—Q 3

.....White threatens P—Kt 6,
remaining with winning Pawns
on the King's side. A brilliancy
prize was awarded to M. Werlinsky
for this game.

28 B×Kt 28 Resigns

Position after 13 B—Kt 5.

BLACK (BOGOLJUBOFF)



WHITE (WERLINSKY)

Two games from the tournament at Debreczin in August last.
Notes by J.H.B.

GAME No. 5,600.

Queen's Gambit Declined (in effect).

WHITE

Dr. G. NAGY.

BLACK

D. PRZEPIORKA

1 Kt—K B 3 1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—B 4 2 P—B 3
3 Kt—B 3 3 P—Q 4
4 P×P 4 P×P
5 P—Q 4 5 Kt—B 3
6 B—B 4 6 P—K 3
7 P—K 3 7 B—Q 3

.....Up to this point the
players have modelled their open-
ing upon Capablanca v. Dr.
Lasker in the fourteenth round of
the New York tournament; on
that occasion the second player
preferred K 2 for this Bishop.

8 B—Kt 3 8 Castles
9 P—Q R 3

Grünfeld recommends here 9
B—Q 3, and if ..., Q—K 2 then
10 B—R 4, with 11 P—K 4
threatened.

9 Kt—K 5

.....This creates more than
one weak point; 9..., R—K 1
seems better.

10 Kt×Kt 10 P×Kt
11 Kt—Q 2 11 P—B 4
12 Kt—B 4 12 B—B 2
13 B×B 13 Q×B
14 R—B 1 14 R—Q 1
15 P—B 4 15 Q—Kt 1

.....A timid line. 15...,
Q—K 2 either with or without
..., P×P e.p., promises more.

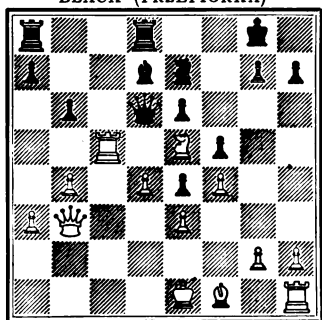
16 P—Q Kt 4 16 B—Q 2
17 Q—Kt 3 17 Kt—K 2

.....Black is drifting into a losing position. A vigorous effort on the Queen's side would be more to the purpose than the text-move. 17.., P-Q Kt 4; 18 Kt-K 5, Kt x Kt, and 19.., P-Q R 4 would give White something to think about.

18 Kt-K 5 18 Q-Q 3
19 R-B 5! 19 P-Q Kt 3

Position after 19.., P-Q Kt 3.

BLACK (PRZEPIORKA)



WHITE (NAGY)

.....Groping for White's idea he falls into the prepared snare. 19.., Kt-Q 4 and if 20 B-B 4 then .., B-K 1 is a safety line.

20 B-B 4

Revealing a very fine combination!

20 P x R

.....20 .., Kt-Q 4 is now too late, because of 21 R x Kt! 20.., B-B 1 likewise miscarries against 21 R x B.

21 Q P x P 21 Q-Q 7 ch

.....Winning the Exchange on the deal, only to find himself with a losing game against the White Pawns. But he has no good course left. If 21.., Q-B 2; 22 B x P ch, K-B 1; 23 B x B wins. Or 22.., K-R 1; 23 Kt-B 7 ch, K-Kt 1; 24 Kt x R ch wins. Or 22.., B x B; 23 Q x B, K-R 1; 24 Kt-B 7 ch, K-Kt 1; 25 Kt x R ch wins. There is no smothered mate in the last variation, because after 25 Kt-R 6 ch, K-R 1; 26 Q-Kt 8 ch, Black captures with Knight, and the mating square is covered by the Black Queen.

22 K x Q 22 B-R 5 ch
23 K-K 2 23 B x Q
24 B x B 24 Kt-Q 4
25 R-Q B 1 25 Kt-B 2
26 B-B 4 26 P-Q R 3
27 P-Q R 4 27 K-B 1
28 P-Kt 5 28 P x P
29 P x P 29 R-R 5
30 P-Kt 6 30 Kt-Q 4
31 B x Kt 31 R x B
32 P-Kt 7 32 Resigns

GAME No. 5,601.

Queen's Gambit Accepted.

WHITE

P. JOHNER

BLACK

Dr. S. TARTAKOVER

1 P-Q 4 1 P-Q 4
2 P-Q B 4 2 P x P
3 Kt-K B 3 3 B-Kt 5

.....Not much played, 3.., P-Q B 4 or 3.., Kt-K B 3 being usually preferred; but the *Handbuch* remarks that it is a move worth considering, for if White continues 4 P-K 3 Black can do the same and get an easy game; whilst if 4 P-K 4 then .., P-K 4!

4 Kt-K 5 4 B-R 4
5 Q-R 4 ch

5 P-K Kt 4, B-Kt 3; 6 Kt-Q B 3, Kt-K B 3 is certainly not disadvantageous to Black.

6 Q x P at B 4 5 P-Q B 3
7 B-B 4 6 Kt-Q 2
8 Kt-Q B 3 7 K Kt-B 3

8 P-B 3 is not good because of 8.., Kt-Q 4; 9 B-Q 2, P-B 3; 10 Kt-Q 3, B-B 2.

9 Q-Q 3 8 Kt-Kt 3
10 Kt x Kt 9 K Kt-Q 4
11 B-Q 2 10 Kt x Kt
12 P-Q R 3 11 P-K 3

12 P—K 4 is met by 12.., Kt—Kt 5, winning White's Queen's Pawn (by 13 Q—B 3, Q×P!).

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| | 12 B—Q 3 |
| 13 P—K 4 | 13 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 14 Q—K 3 | 14 P—B 3 |

.....Black is not altogether comfortable; he cannot venture to Castle whilst White's Knight remains at K 5, on account of the facilities that position gives White for storming operations by P—K Kt 4, etc., and he can hardly venture on 14.., B×Kt; 15 P×B, because of White's subsequent B—Q Kt 4 and R—Q 1. The position of his Queen's Bishop is at bottom the cause of his uneasiness, a reason against his third move.

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| 15 Q—R 3 | 15 B—K B 2 |
| 16 Kt×B | 16 K×Kt |
| 17 B—K 2 | 17 B—B 2 |
| 18 B—K 3 | 18 P—K Kt 3 |

.....He wants to make a "Stonewall" formation on the King's wing, and apparently succeeds with the next two moves in effecting his purpose. If 18.., P—K R 4 White would play at once 19 P—K Kt 4.

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| 19 Castles | 19 P—K R 4 |
| 20 P—B 4 | 20 P—K B 4 |
| 21 P—Q 5 | |

A fine stroke. 21 P×P, or 21 P—K 5 would leave Black a strong post at Q 4 for his Knight; by compelling Black to occupy that square with a Pawn White gains both in time and position.

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| | 21 B P×P |
| 22 P×B P | 22 K P×P |
| 23 B—Q 4 | 23 R—R 2 |

.....He dare not move the Rook off its own file because of 24 B×P!

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| 24 P—K Kt 4! | 24 B P×P |
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.....If 24.., Q—Q 2; 25 P×R P.

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| 25 B×P | 25 Q—Q 3 |
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.....A level headed move. If now 26 P—B 5, Q×P ch wins.

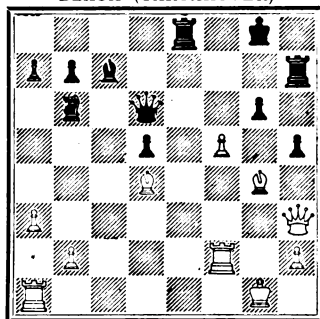
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| 26 R—B 2 | |
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26 Q R—K 1, R—K 1; 27 R—K 5, Kt—B 5; 28 P—Kt 3, Kt—Q 7 does not lead to anything promising for White.

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| | 26 R—K 1 |
| 27 P—B 5 | 27 K—Kt 1 |

Position after 27.., K—Kt 1.

BLACK (TARTAKOVER)



WHITE (JOHNER)

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| 28 B—B 3 | |
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This obstructs the Rook, and 28 B—K 2 was a little better; for if then .., P—K Kt 4; 29 P—B 6, P—Kt 5; 30 P—B 7 ch, R×P; 31 Q×R P.

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| | 28 P—Kt 4 |
| 29 R—Kt 2 | |

Now 29 P—B 6 is of no use on account of the reply 29.., Q—K 3. But 29 B×RP (threatening 30 B—B 7 ch!) was a line which still offered winning prospects, for if 29.., Q—R 3; 30 P—B 6, and Black cannot take the Bishop (30.., Q×B; 31 Q×Q, R×Q; 32 P—B 7 ch, K—B 1; 33 B—B 5 ch and wins). Instead of 29.., Q—R 3 Black would have therefore to fall back upon 29.., K—B 1, when 30 P—B 6 is still a winning move. The text-move loses; perhaps it was made under clock pressure.

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| | 29 Q—B 5 |
| 30 B—B 6 | 30 P—Kt 5 |
| 31 B×P | 31 P×B |
| 32 R×P ch | 32 K—B 1! |
| 33 Resigns | |

For if 33 Q×R, Q×R ch; 34 K—B 1, Kt—B 5 and White has no satisfactory reply.

GAME NO. 5,602.

Played in the current championship of the City of London Chess Club. Notes by M. E. Goldstein.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

- | WHITE
V. BUERGER | BLACK
H. B. UBER |
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| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—Q B 3 |
| 3 Kt—K B 3 | 3 Kt—K B 3 |
| 4 Kt—B 3 | 4 P×P |
| The present game opens new avenues of attack for White against this popular defence which may turn out sound, although the resulting positions defy exact analysis. | |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 6 P—Q R 4 | 6 P—Kt 5 |
| 7 Kt—R 2 | 7 P—K 3 |
| 8 B×P | 8 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 9 Castles | 9 B—Kt 2 |
| 10 Q—Kt 3! | |

This, which is the key-move of the improvement discovered by White, does not appear to have been played previously. Its chief point lies in the next move, with the ensuing sacrifice of a piece. A secondary consideration in its favour is the possibility in some positions of bringing the Q Kt into play *via* Q B 3, taking advantage of the exposed position of Black's Q B.

10 P—Q R 4

.....Forced, for if 10... P—B 4; 11 P×P wins a Pawn; and if 10... R—Q Kt 1 White continues Kt—Kt 5, as in the text.

11 Kt—Kt 5!

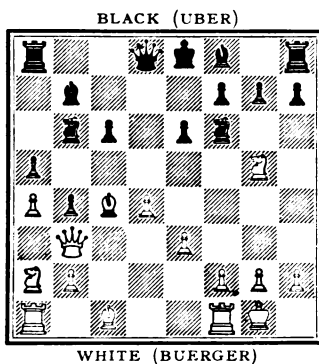
Threatening not only the sacrifice of the piece, but also the advance P—K 4 or P—K B 4-B 5.

11 Kt—Kt 3

.....Probably best, as it forces White to disclose his hand. If 11... P—B 4, White is not obliged to sacrifice, and can simply play 12 P—B 4, P—R 3 (White threatened P—B 5+); 13 Kt—K B 3, B×Kt; 14 R×B, P×P; 15 P—B 5, B—B 4; 16 B P×P, B P×P; 17 B×P, P×P; 18 B×P, Q—Kt 3; 19 K—R 1, B×B; 20 R×B and

wins. If, instead, 11... B—K 2 (obviously 11... Q—K 2 leaves Black dangerously behindhand in development after 12 P—B 4); White sacrifices the Bishop for three Pawns and obtains a very strong attack by 12 B×P, P×B; 13 Kt×K P, Q—Kt 3; 14 Kt×P ch.

Position after 11... Kt—Kt 3.



12 Kt×B P!

The point! White at once obtains two Pawns for the piece, and Black's King is fixed in the centre, seriously impeding the development of his King-side.

12 K×Kt
13 B×P ch 13 K—K 2

.....Black could put up a much better resistance by 13... K—K 1 (obviously 13... K—Kt 3? 14 P—K 4 and mates in two), against which White's strongest line is perhaps 14 B—B 7 ch, K—Q 2; 15 P—K 4, B—R 3! 16 B—K B 4, K—B 1, with a position difficult to judge accurately. 14 P—K 4, B—K 2! 15 B—B 7 ch, K—B 1; 16 P—K 5, Q×P! 17 B—K 3, Q×K P, gives Black good counter-chances.

14 P—K 4 14 Q—Q 3

.....Black cannot play 14... Kt×P on account of R—K 1+; nor 14... Q×P on account of 15 B—K 3, Q—Q 1; 16 Q R—

Q 1, Q—B 2; 17 B—B 5 ch, K—K 1; 18 B×Kt. Preferable to the text-move would be 14... Q—B 2, but the fact that White could then obtain the advantage by the quiet move 15 P—Kt 3 bears testimony to the helplessness of Black's position.

15 B—R 3!

Better than 15 B—B 7, Q—Q 2! or 15 B—B 5, K—Q 1; 16 P—K 5, Q—Q 4!

15 Q×P?

.....A blunder under time-pressure, losing the Queen; but there is no defence to White's numerous threats.

16 Q—K 6 ch	16 K—Q 1
17 B—K 3	17 B—B 1
18 Q—B 7	18 Q×B
19 P×Q	19 B×B
20 P×B	20 B—B 4

21 Q R—Q 1 ch 21 Kt (B 3)—Q 2
22 P—K 5!

This, followed by the sacrifice of the Exchange, is the shortest way to win.

23 R×Kt	22 Kt—Q 4
24 Q×Q P	23 P×R
25 R—B 1	24 K—B 2
26 P—K 6	25 R—R 3

Leading to a pretty finish. White has conducted the attack with great energy and precision.

27 R×B ch	26 R—Q 3
28 Q×Kt ch	27 Kt×R
29 Q—R 7 ch	28 R—B 3
30 Q—Q 7 ch	29 K—Q 3
	30 Resigns

.....It is interesting to note that White's Q Kt never moved after going to R 2 on the 7th move.

Games from the tournament at Moscow.

GAME No. 5,603.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
J. R. CAPABLANCA	Dr. E. LASKER	J. R. CAPABLANCA	Dr. E. LASKER	J. R. CAPABLANCA	Dr. E. LASKER	J. R. CAPABLANCA	Dr. E. LASKER
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	16 R×R ch	16 K×R				
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—Q B 3	17 R—Q 1 ch	17 K—B 2				
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	18 Kt—K 5	18 R—K B 1				
4 P—K 3	4 P—K 3	19 P—K R 3	19 Q Kt—Q 2				
5 Kt—B 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2	20 Kt×B	20 K×Kt				
6 B—Q 3	6 P×P	21 B—B 3 ch	21 K—B 2				
7 B×P	7 P—B 4	22 Kt—K 4	22 Kt×Kt				
8 Castles	8 P—Q R 3	23 B×Kt	23 B—B 3				
9 P×P	9 Kt×P	24 B—R 3	24 R—Q 1				
10 Q×Q ch	10 K×Q	25 K—B 1	25 P—R 3				
11 R—Q 1 ch	11 K—K 1	26 K—K 2	26 Kt—K 4				
12 B—K 2	12 B—K 2	27 R×R	27 B×R				
13 P—Q Kt 3	13 B—Q 2	28 B—Kt 2	28 B—B 3				
14 B—Kt 2	14 R—Q 1	29 B×Kt ch	29 B×B				
15 R—Q 4	15 B—B 3						

Drawn

GAME No. 5,604.

Scotch Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
P. ROMANOVSKY	J. R. CAPABLANCA	P. ROMANOVSKY	J. R. CAPABLANCA	P. ROMANOVSKY	J. R. CAPABLANCA	P. ROMANOVSKY	J. R. CAPABLANCA
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	10 B—K Kt 5	10 P—B 3				
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	11 Q—B 3	11 B—K 2				
3 P—Q 4	3 P×P	12 K R—K 1	12 R—Kt 1				
4 Kt×P	4 Kt—B 3	13 Q R—Kt 1	13 P—K R 3				
5 Kt—Q B 3	5 B—Kt 5	14 B×P	14 P×B				
6 Kt×Kt	6 Kt P×Kt	15 Q—K 3	15 B—Q 3				
7 B—Q 3	7 P—Q 4	16 Q×K R P	16 R—Kt 5				
8 P×P	8 P×P	17 Q—Kt 5 ch					
9 Castles	9 Castles						

and White drew by perpetual check.

GAME No. 5,605.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
J. R. CAPABLANCA		A. ILJIN-SHENEVSKY		J. R. CAPABLANCA		A. ILJIN-SHENEVSKY	
1 P—K 4		1 P—Q B 4		20 Kt P×P		20 P—K 3	
2 Kt—Q B 3		2 Kt—Q B 3		21 P—K R 4		21 R—Kt 1	
3 P—K Kt 3		3 P—K Kt 3		22 P—R 5		22 R—Kt 3	
4 B—Kt 2		4 B—Kt 2		23 P×P		23 R P×P	
5 K Kt—K 2		5 P—Q 3		24 Kt—Q 1		24 K Kt—K 4	
6 P—Q 3		6 Kt—B 3		25 Q—B 2		25 K Kt—Kt 5	
7 Castles		7 Castles		26 Q—R 4		26 Q Kt—K 4	
8 P—K R 3		8 P—Q R 3		27 P—Q 4		27 Kt×B	
9 B—K 3		9 B—Q 2		28 Kt×Kt		28 Q×B P	
10 Q—Q 2		10 R—K 1		29 P×Kt		29 Q×Kt ch	
11 Kt—Q 1		11 Q R—B 1		30 K—R 1		30 P×P	
12 P—B 3		12 Q—R 4		31 R—B 3		31 P×Kt!	
13 P—K Kt 4		13 K R—Q 1		32 R×Q		32 P×R	
14 P—K B 4		14 B—K 1		33 Q—K 1		33 R—Kt 7	
15 P—Kt 5		15 Kt—Q 2		34 Q×P		34 K R—Q 7	
16 P—B 5		16 P—Q Kt 4		35 B—B 3		35 P—B 5	
17 Kt—B 4		17 P—Kt 5		36 P—R 3		36 B—Q 3	
18 P—B 6		18 B—B 1		37 Q—R 7		37 P—B 6	
19 Kt—B 2		19 Kt P×P		38 Resigns			

GAME No. 5,606.

Four Knights Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF		E. GRÜNFELD		E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF		E. GRÜNFELD	
1 P—K 4		1 P—K 4		16 P—K 5		16 P×P	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 Kt—Q B 3		17 R×P		17 Kt—B 3	
3 Kt—B 3		3 Kt—B 3		18 Q—K 2		18 R—K 1	
4 B—Kt 5		4 B—Kt 5		19 Kt—B 3		19 Kt—Q 4	
5 Castles		5 Castles		20 B—Q 2		20 Q—B 3	
6 P—Q 3		6 B×Kt		21 Q R—K 1		21 P—B 3	
7 P×B		7 P—Q 3		22 P—B 4		22 Kt—B 2	
8 P—K R 3		8 P—K R 3		23 B—B 3		23 Kt—K 3	
9 R—K 1		9 P—R 3		24 Q—B 2		24 R—K B 1	
10 B—R 4		10 B—Q 2		25 Q—Kt 6		25 Q R—Kt 1	
11 B—Kt 3		11 Kt—Q R 4		26 R×Kt		26 Q×B	
12 Kt—R 2		12 Kt×B		27 R—K 7		27 B—K 1	
13 R P×Kt		13 Kt—R 2		28 Q—B 7		28 B—R 4	
14 P—K B 4		14 P×P		29 Q R—K 5		29 Resigns	
15 B×P		15 P—K B 4					

GAME No. 5,607.

Réti's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
R. RETI		F. J. MARSHALL		R. RETI		F. J. MARSHALL	
1 P—Q B 4		1 P—K 3		3 B—Kt 2		3 Kt—K B 3	
2 P—K Kt 3		2 P—Q 4		4 Kt—K B 3		4 P—B 4	

5 P×P	5 P×P	18 P—K R 3	18 P×B
6 P—Q 4	6 Kt—B 3	19 P×Kt	19 B×P
7 Castles	7 B—K 2	20 Kt×P	20 Q—B 3
8 P×P	8 B×P	21 R×R	21 R×R
9 Q Kt—Q 2	9 Castles	22 B×P	22 R—Q 1
10 Kt—Kt 3	10 B—Kt 3	23 Q—K 4	23 B—R 4
11 Q Kt—Q 4	11 R—K 1	24 Kt—B 3	24 Q×Kt P
12 B—K 3	12 B—Q 2	25 Kt—K 5 ?	25 R—K 1
13 R—B 1	13 R—Q B 1	26 Kt—B 4	26 R×Q
14 Q—Q 3	14 P—K R 3	27 Kt×Q	27 R×P
15 K R—Q 1	15 Kt—K Kt 5	28 Kt—Q 3	28 R×B P
16 Kt×Kt	16 P×Kt	29 Kt×R	29 B×R
17 B—Q 4	17 P—Q B 4	30 K—Kt 2	30 B×Kt
		31 Resigns	

GAME NO. 5,608.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK	
F. D. YATES	E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF	F. D. YATES	E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF
1 P—K 4	1 P—Q B 4	20 B—Kt 5	20 P—K 5
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—K 3	21 B—Kt 1	21 R—R 4
3 P—Q 4	3 P×P	22 B×Kt	22 B×B
4 Kt×P	4 Kt—K B 3	23 Kt×K P	23 P×Kt
5 Kt—Q B 3	5 P—Q 3	24 Q—K B 3	24 P—R 6
6 B—Q 3	6 B—K 2	25 B×P	
7 Castles	7 Q Kt—Q 2	(25 P—K Kt 4 wins).	
8 K—R 1	8 P—Q R 3	25 P×P ch	
9 P—B 4	9 Q—B 2	26 Castles	
10 Q—K 1	10 P—Q Kt 4	26 Q×P	
11 P—Q R 3	11 B—Kt 2	27 R—K 2	27 K—Kt 1
12 Q—Kt 3	12 P—Kt 3	28 B×B	28 Q×B
13 B—Q 2	13 P—K R 4	29 Q×Q ch	29 K×Q
14 Q R—K 1	14 P—R 5	30 P—Kt 4	30 R—Q 4
15 Q—R 3	15 Kt—B 4	31 Q R—K B 2	31 R—R 6
16 P—B 5	16 Kt P×P	32 R—B 2	32 K R—Q 6
17 P×P	17 P—K 4	33 K R—B 2	33 B—R 5
18 Kt—Kt 3	18 Kt×Kt	34 R—K B 1	34 R—Q 7
19 P×Kt	19 P—Q 4	35 R—Q B 3	35 B—B 3
		36 R—R 3	36 B×P
		37 Resigns	

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

S. Mlotkowski, Camden, N.J.—Many thanks as to the correct continuation of game No. 5,500. You are right as to the names of the players being transposed in game No. 5,543 (October). The intended brilliancy appears to consist in Black playing 39., R×P ch and 40., P—Kt 6 ch, forcing mate; but as you point out the immediate sacrifice of his Bishop by White frustrates any brilliancy, merely leaving Black a win of an ordinary type. In game No. 5,544 your suggestion that after 15 R×P, Black could save himself by .., R×Q; 16 Q R—K B 1, Q—Kt 3 ch; 17 K—R 1, Kt—Q 4 throws doubt upon the whole combination; because that line is equally available after 15 Q R—K B 1, R×Q; 16 R×P.

C. J. COLE.—The winning continuation of game No. 5,560 as given by Mr. Mlotkowski is as follows: 13., K—Kt 2; 14 Q—B 8 ch, K—R 1; 15 Q×B, Kt—B 3; 16 Q×B P, P—Kt 6; 17 R—B 7, Q—R 7 ch; 18 K—B 1, Q—R 8 ch; 19 K—K 2, Kt×P ch; 20 K—Q 2, and wins. Your proposal to play 14 P—K 5, Q—K 2; 15 P×P, P×P; 16 Kt—B 3 is hardly forcible enough seeing that White is a piece down; Black could play 14...1 Kt—Q 2 advantageously.

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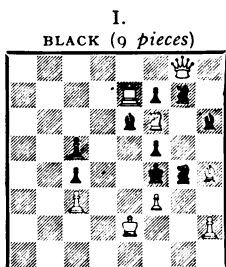
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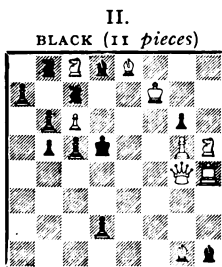
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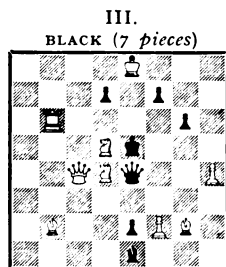
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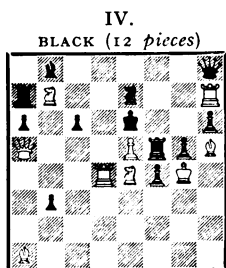
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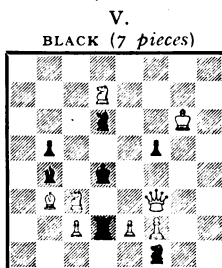
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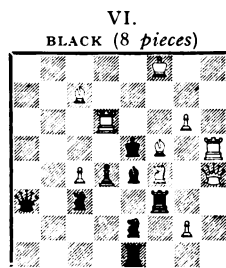
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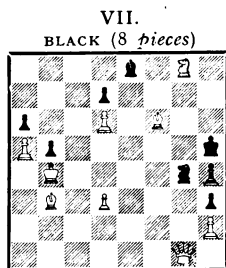
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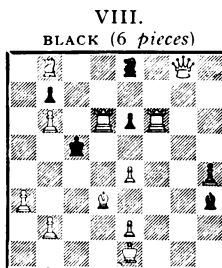
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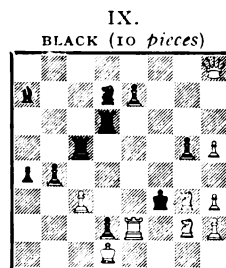
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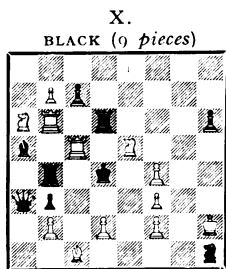
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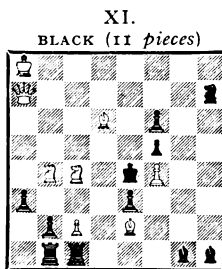
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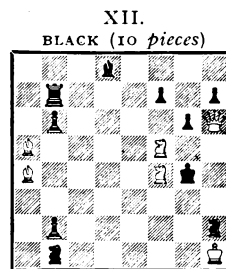
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WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in three.



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM TOURNEY. JUDGES' REPORT AND AWARD.

The three-move section of the tourney attracted sixty entries. These were submitted to the judges, at their own request, without solutions in order that a thoroughly independent opinion could be arrived at. A full list of the errors found is appended for the information of the competitors. G. F. Anderson and Dr. Niels Hoeg report that, especially in regard to the three-move section, the tourney problems have been of a good standard; and the selection for honours proved a difficult task.

The placing of the problems and the judges' comments are as follows:—

First prize, No. 40. The move of the White King, though taking a flight square, is a remarkably fine one, as it subjects him to two powerful checks from the Black Queen, and temporarily obstructs the square f3 on which it is expected that the Knight will give a double check. The two checks given by the Black Queen result in a charming chameleon echo effect, the Black Queen being pinned. After Qc3 ch, there is a further model with the Black Queen pinned. These two variations constitute practically the whole of the problem's contents, but the idea is so sharp and piquant that the problem will long be remembered.

Second prize, No. 28. A problem of the strategic class, remarkable for its astonishing key-move and fine tries. The determination of the right square on which to place the King is a splendid exercise, and a fine pleasure for the solver. There is plenty of variety with the play of the Kt c4, and the absence of White Pawns is a noteworthy feature in a problem of this nature.

Third prize, No. 5. This is a very good model-mate problem which contains five variations all terminating in models. Lacking though it does that indefinable characteristic which goes to make a problem long remembered, it nevertheless has many good points. These include a good key-move and one quiet variation to relieve the checking continuations.

First hon. mention, No. 8. The strategy here is very fine and the three variations are clear-cut and brimful of interest. The strategy which makes possible the sacrifice of the Rook to the Pawn is of a rare kind, since the Black Pawn obstructs the Black Rook not from defending a square beyond it, as is usually the case, but merely restricts his free movement on the same side of the interference square. The key is in brilliant style and the problem will not be easily forgotten on that account.

Second hon. mention, No. 60. Like No. 8 above this is a problem of slender build but of great vitality, only this time it is manifested not in subtle strategy but in a remarkable combination of model mates of which there are no fewer than five. The quiet variation, though it is a capture, relieves the monotony of the checks just as it does in the case of the third prize winner, about which there is something akin in the mates given by the Pawns.

Third hon. mention, No. 30. A little problem full of good strategy in which the White Queen seeks to draw the Black Queen away from her guard on e3. In her efforts to remain on the e file the Black Queen self blocks twice. The quiet threat with the sacrifice of the Queen is very pleasing.

Fourth hon. mention, No. 59. A good problem, which has a very fine key which surrenders four flight-squares and has some good variations and mates besides.

Special prize for strategy, No. 46. There can be no question about this being the best of the entries not of the model-mate class. The key is extraordinarily good since not only is a flight square surrendered, but the White Knight is pinned. The anti-Bristol variations are engineered through the action of the Black Rooks in freeing the Knight. In another variation it is the Black King himself who unpins the Knight, a theme much in favour just now with two-move composers. The variety is exceptionally good. Notice should be taken of the variation 1. ., Kt x R, after which the unpin of the White Knight is coupled with the anti-Bristol moves of the Rooks in two-move form.

G. F. ANDERSON.
NIELS HOEG.

November 28th, 1925.

The full list of competitors is as follows : J. Cauveren (No. 1, 2) ; A. W. Daniel (3, 4) ; N. K. Malakhoff (5, 14) ; M. Bukhofzer (6, 7) ; K. Nielsen (8) ; A. Aberblom (9) ; Dr. E. Palkoska (10, 11) ; E. G. Schüller (12, 13) ; I. Gross (15) ; K. Hannemann (16, 17) ; H. Albertz (18) ; K. S. Howard (19, 30) ; R. Kintzig (20, 21) ; B. Kagermann (22, 50) ; F. Pecnik (23, 24) ; O. Votruba (25) ; M. Grünfeld (26, 27) ; B. J. de Andrade (28) ; K. Erlin (29) ; N. V. Joshi (31, 32) ; L. B. Salkind (33, 34) ; P. Keirans (35, 49) ; J. Wittekind (36, 37) ; V. Sassower (38) ; G. Sardos (39) ; K. A. L. Kubbel (40) ; V. Marin (41) ; R. Svoboda (42, 43) ; P. G. L. Fothergill (44, 45) ; K. A. K. Larsen (46) ; W. Seib (47) ; L. Schor (48) ; Dr. F. Rduch (51, 52) ; P. F. Blake (53) ; E. E. Westbury (54, 55) ; H. Ott (56) ; J. Moller (57) ; V. de Barbieri (58) ; J. Scheel (59, 60).

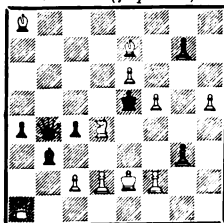
The following problems were found faulty : No. 1, cook Q b7 ; 2, cook, S h6 ; 14, duals after B f4 or P f4 ; 18, cook, S f3 ; 22, cook, S e7 ; 23, author's solution impossible, cooks Q a3, Q c3 ; 24, dual after S b5 ; 25, illegal Black Pawn position ; 29, cook, S a3 ch ; 31, no solution, obtrusive Bishop on c5 ; 36, cook, Q e4 ch ; 37, author's solution impossible, cook B e4 ch ; 39, dual after K d4 ; 52, dual after B e5 ; 53, cooks K b1 and S x f3 ch ; 55, obtrusive Bishop on e8 ; 57, cooks Q a1 and S c6 ch.

The following problems were set at the British Chess Federation congress in August, 1925 : No. 21, by R. Kintzig (key R d1) ; No. 52, by Dr. F. Rduch (key Q a7) ; No. 55, by E. E. Westbury (key Q f8) and No. 59, by J. Scheel (key P a4).

All other problems are at the disposal of the composers, who are at liberty to use them elsewhere if desired. A copy of the award will be mailed to every competitor.

First Prize. No. 40.
By K. A. L. KUBBEL
(Leningrad).

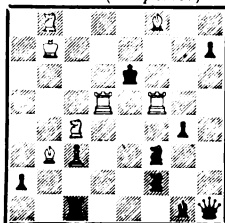
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize. No. 28.
By B. J. de C. ANDRADE
(London).

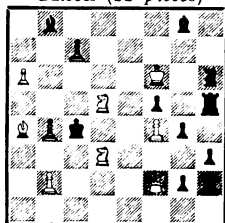
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WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize. No. 5.
By N. K. MALAKHOFF
(Praskoweia).

BLACK (12 pieces)

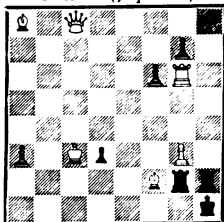


WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

First Hon. Mention.
No. 8.

By KARL NIELSEN
(Denmark).

BLACK (7 pieces)

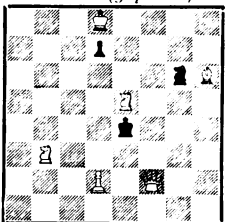


WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Hon. Mention.
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By JOHAN SCHEEL
(Slendal).

BLACK (3 pieces)

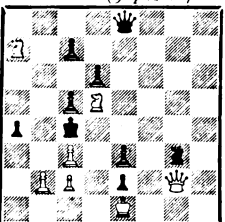


WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Hon. Mention.
No. 30.

By K. S. HOWARD
(Rochester, U.S.A.).

BLACK (9 pieces)



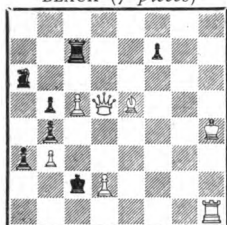
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Fourth Hon. Mention.

No. 59.

By JOHAN SCHEEL
(Slemdal).

BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

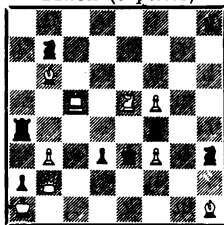
Mate in three.

Special Strategy Prize.

No. 46.

By K. A. K. LARSEN
(Copenhagen).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in three.

The Society have made arrangements to issue a quarterly under the title of *The Problemist*, which will give a periodical account of its proceedings, together with other matter interesting to its members. T. R. Dawson has undertaken the editorship, and this is in itself a guarantee that the venture will be looked after well. It has for a long time been the desire of the committee to offer the members, especially those who are resident a distance from London, something which will stimulate their interest in the Society's work. The first number is due to appear this month and non-members can obtain a copy from the hon. secretary, fourpence, including postage.

D. Pirnie, on the 18th ult., entertained the members with a capital lecture on "Solvers' Troubles," illustrated by numerous positions selected from various classes of problems. His principal point was to show that there are several matters which yet have to be settled in connection with the latitude which composers should be permitted to take and the corresponding effect in relation to solving. The substance of the lecture is to be given in the January issue of *The Problemist*.

The Rev. N. Bonavia-Hunt will, on Saturday, 30th inst., at 3 o'clock, discourse at St. Bride's Institute, Bride Lane, E.C., on a subject which deals with some of the anomalies as well as injustice of problem tourney regulations, the title being: "What is wrong with our tourneys?" Members are invited to bring friends.

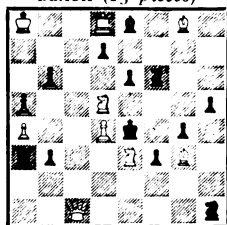
Changing Fashions. This is the title of Mr. Alain C. White's Christmas Gift Book for 1925. We have not yet had sufficient time to study the contents in order to review the interesting matter which consists chiefly of a selection of 150 problems, by Mr. George Hume, who for ten years has edited Mr. White's "Christmas Series."

We were very sorry to learn recently that Mr. White had been seriously ill, but fortunately was recovering, and we earnestly hope the recovery will soon be complete and permanent.

C. Mansfield, in his well-conducted chess column in the *Bristol Times and Mirror*, refers to the meetings of the Bristol Chess Problem Club. We should like to know more about this.

We regret to have to record the death last November, of Mr. H. Maxwell Prideaux, of Plymouth. He was a composer of a good many problems, rather in the style of the Transition school, most of them we believe were contributed to the *Morning Post*. His first problem was composed when he was twenty-two years of age, having been born in October, 1879. The three-mover we select was his favourite composition. He was a solicitor by profession, but he gave up practice many years ago. In one of his letters to us he admitted he "knew more about music, books and chess than about law"!

By the late
H. M. PRIDEAUX.
BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

We have received from Messrs. Neukomm and Schor, the authors of the Help-mate we gave September last, a letter pointing out the extraordinary unsoundness of the version we selected from those sent us by Mr. C. H. Brockelbank. We hope to refer to the matter next month as we are running short of space.

GERMAN CHESS ASSOCIATION OF VIENNA TOURNEY.

This tourney is for problems in five, six or seven moves. Entries to be sent, observing the motto and sealed envelope method, to Professor Albert Becker, Florianigasse 40 bis, Vienna, Austria, by 15th February next. Prizes 150, 100, 75 and 50 sh. Judge, Dr. F. Palitzsch.

THE "BRISBANE COURIER" TWENTY-SECOND INTERNATIONAL TWO-MOVE COMPOSING TOURNEY.

Mottoes are unnecessary.

The problems will be judged prior to publication and strict anonymity as to authorship observed, copies only being submitted to the judge.

All problems entered become the property of the paper, and will be published under the author's name as specially contributed problems, with judge's comments, except such as are proved unsound or unsuitable. These will be returned to the authors, who will thus be afforded an opportunity of amending the positions and using them elsewhere.

The tourney closes on the 31st July, 1926, and all entries must be received prior to that date. The award will be published in the following month.

A copy of the award, a copy of the column in which their problems appear, and the column with solvers' comments, if any, will be sent to all contributors.

Prizes: First prize, £2; second prize, £1 10s.; third prize, £1; fourth prize, 10s.; fifth prize, Chess Book; sixth prize, Chess Book.

Judge : Mr. Arthur Mosely.

Address : Mr. W. A. Smith, The Chess Editor, *The Brisbane Courier*, Brisbane, Queensland.

THE "MID-WEEK SPORTS REFEREE" HALF-YEARLY INTERNATIONAL TWO-MOVE COMPOSING TOURNEY.

The tourneys will be continuous, closing on 30th June and 31st December each year. The awards will be published the month following. Entries for the First Tourney will be received up to 30th June, 1925. Any problems received too late for one tourney will be included in the next.

Mottoes are unnecessary.

The problems will be judged prior to publication and strict anonymity as to authorship observed, copies only being submitted to the judge.

All problems entered become the property of the paper, and will be published under the author's name as specially contributed problems, with judge's comments, except such as are proved unsound or unsuitable. These will be returned to the authors, who will thus be afforded an opportunity of amending the positions and using them elsewhere. Such problems are not eligible for re-admission in these tourneys.

A copy of the award, a copy of the column in which their problems appear, and the column with solvers' comments, if any, will be sent to all contributors.

Prizes : First prize, £1 10s. ; second prize, £1 ; third prize, 10s. ; fourth prize, Chess Book

Judge : Mr. Arthur Mosely.

Address : Mr. W. A. Smith, The Chess Editor, *Mid-Week Sports Referee*, Brisbane, Queensland.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL TWO-MOVE PROBLEM COMPOSING TOURNEY OF "EL AJEDREZ ARGENTINO."

Competitors may send any number of problems, original and hitherto unpublished.

Each problem must be sent on a diagram and full solution given adding a motto which also must be written on a sealed envelope, enclosing author's name and address.

Five prizes will be awarded as follows : First prize, £8 ; second prize, £5 ; third prize, £3 ; fourth prize, Two Chess Books ; fifth prize, a year subscription of *Ajedrez Argentino*.

Judge : Arnoldo Ellerman.

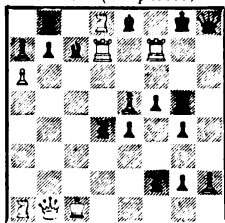
The problems will be published in the magazine *El Ajedrez Argentino*, and all competitors will receive a copy of the award which will be given on April 30th, 1926.

Entries will be received up to March 31st, 1926, which should be addressed to : Problem Tourney, *El Ajedrez Argentino*, Viamonte 927 Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic.

W. A. Smith and Arthur Mosely, the chess editors of the *Brisbane Courier* and *Mid-week Sports Referee*, have sent us as usual a very novel Greetings Card, shaped to represent Queensland. Printed in perspective is the accompanying graceful two-mover, and in the fold are pleasing verses "From Wattle-scented Aussie Land." For this kind thought we tender sincere thanks.

By Dr. OTTO T. BLÁTHY
(Budapest).

BLACK (16 pieces)

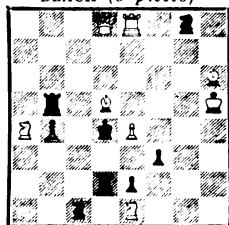


WHITE (7 pieces)

White to play and win.

By ARTHUR MOSELY
(Brisbane).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two.

We are also indebted to Dr. Otto T. Bláthy, the eminent composer of many-move problems for a beautiful Christmas card which contains the annexed wonderful "End-game." With this we have received a Yule-tide Salutation Card from "the Chess Problem Amateurs of Budapest," signed by fourteen composers, a truly graceful compliment to all recipients.

The Solvers' Score Table is held over until next month.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,539, by W. Langstaff (wrongly numbered 2,538).—1 Q—Q 2. The change in the mate after 1..., P—B 4 dis ch created by the key-move is cleverly conceived. A flight square is offered with a new mate. The variety is interesting.

No. 2,540, by E. Boswell (wrongly numbered 2,529).—1 K—Q 8. The necessity for providing a mate after 1..., K × Kt make the key-move fairly easy. The mates are mostly nicely brought about.

No. 2,541, by K. A. L. Kubbel (wrongly numbered 2,530).—1 Q—Q B 1; R × P; 2 P—Q 6! If 1..., R—K 6, Q 7 or Q B 7; 2 Q—K B 1. If 1..., P—Kt 4; 2 Q × P. If 1..., others; 2 Q—R 6. Subtle and consequently rather difficult to solve. The mate given by discover check is in strategic style. The use of White's K R P is not obvious; it prevents a dual after 1..., R—K 6 by 2 Q × Kt.

No. 2,542, by J. Vesta (wrongly numbered 2,531).—1 Kt—B 5, Kt—Q 3; 2 Q—K 5 ch. If 1..., R—Kt 8, B 7 or R × Kt P; 2 Q—K 3 ch. If 1..., R × R P; 2 Kt—K 4. If 1..., R—Q 7 or others; 2 B—B 2 ch. This contains several bright features, the five model mates being blended in a charming manner. The composer experienced considerable difficulty in rendering it in a sound form.

By A. Ellerman (p. 531).—1 K—Kt 5. Ingenious in many respects. The key is a capital one and the defences to the threat lead to some unexpected replies.

By A. P. Powell (p. 531).—1 R × P (R 3). Very congested. The Black Pawn at K R 3 seems wanted only to make a "Mutate" of the problem. The changes in the mates in the case of three defences are uncommon and good.

By C. E. Kemp (p. 531).—1 Q—R 7. Another mutate. The Knighting of the Pawn is a little surprising, but hardly warrants such a lot of material.

By K. S. Howard (p. 531).—1 Q—Q Kt 1, K×P; 2 Q—Kt 6. If 1... B—B 7 or P—Q 4; 2 Q—Kt 4. If 1... Kt—Kt 6 or others; 2 Q×P ch. A very pretty three-mover skilfully pieced together and by no means easy. The reply to 1... B—B 7 is crafty, developing two models, one with a pinned Pawn.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 532).—1 Q—R 2, P×B P; 2 Q—Q 2. If 1... Q—R 1 or Kt 2, K—K 6 or Q 5; 2 Q—K B 2. If 1... K—B 4 or others; 2 Q—K 6. This must have been a troublesome study to shape in a sound condition, as indicated by the give-and-take key. Seeing that 1 Q—R 2 purposes quiet continuations, it has compensating merits. Aameleon double check echo is brought about after 1... P×B P; 2 Q—Q 2, K—Q 4 and 1... Kt—K 2; 2 Q—K 6, K—K 6. In addition to this there is a pleasing model (notwithstanding it is incorporated in one of the threats) 1... Q—R 1; 2 Q—K B 2, K—Q 4.

By L. Knotek (p. 532).—1 R—K 3, P—B 4; 2 Q—Kt 5. If 1... K—K 4; 2 B—B 3 ch. If 1... K—Q 2; 2 B—Q B 6 ch. If 1... K B×R; 2 B—B 5 ch. If 1... Q B×R; 2 B—Q 5 dbl ch. If 1... Q B else; 2 B—Kt 6 dis ch. If 1... R×R or others; 2 Q—Kt 6 ch. The echoed double checkameleon model mate, following the defences of 1... P—B 4 and R×R is beautifully blended. The defence of 1... P—B 4 followed by Q B×R has a strategic value. It is a fine composition, notwithstanding the double threat which is responsible for some duals.

By K. Hannemann (p. 532).—1 Q—R 7, K—Q 2; P—Kt 8 (Kt) ch. If 1... R×Kt (threat); 2 P—B 8 (Kt) ch. If 1... R×P (threat); 2 Q—B 5 ch. If 1... B—B 1; 2 P×B (Kt) ch. If 1... Kt—K 1; 2 Q—K 3 ch. If 1... K—B 2; 2 Kt—K 5 ch. This has some remarkably original Pawn promotion play, each of the two advanced Pawns becoming a Knight on two squares.

By A. Grinblat (p. 532).—1 Kt (Kt 4)—Q 3. A fair problem with a fair key. It is a pity the Knight is *en prise*.

By J. Kovacs (p. 532).—1 Kt—B 4. A mutate with a neat idea, but it has nothing special to recommend it and the dual after 1... Kt—K 4 is not pleasant.

By P. ten Cate (p. 532).—1 K—Kt 4. A smart key leading to pretty effects.

By E. Boswell (p. 532).—1 R—Q B 3. A little complicated, but well varied with a first-class key.

By R. G. Thomson (p. 533).—1 Kt×P (Kt 4). A familiar theme artistically arranged, introducing two cross checks and two unlooked-for mates after 1... P—K 3 and R—K 5.

By E. Boswell (p. 533).—1 P×K P. A curious setting, more amusing than elegant. The composer seems to have been pushed for a key-move and had to resort to the device of a capture.

By W. A. Shinkman (p. 533).—1 B—Kt 2, P—K 4; 2 B—R 1. If 1... K—K 5; 2 Kt—K 1 dis ch.

By D. Pap (p. 533).—1 K—K 7, B moves; 2 K—B 8, B moves; 3 Q—K 8. See our remarks upon these two problems. The point of this problem is not quite identical with that of Mongredin's, but the similarity of procedure is, we think, sufficient to draw attention to the older composition which we must say in a degree affects a claim to absolute originality.

By A. Ellerman (p. 534).—1 R—Q 7. One of the nice points here is the reason why 1 R—Q 8 will not answer. The lay-out is attractive and the play enjoyable.

By A. Mari (p. 534).—1 K—Kt 8. A catchy key, as one is not willing to unpin the Queen. The effects of the play in connection with the two Black Bishops are unusually good.

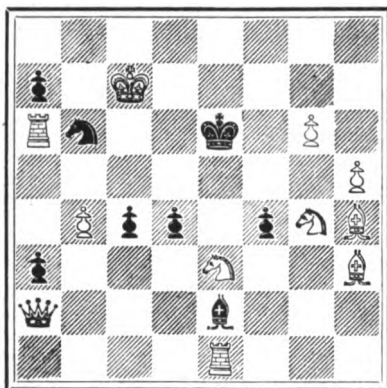
By A. Mari (p. 534).—1 Kt (K 5)—B 4. Here we have a strange change in the cross checks, stamping out those of the Rook and opening up those of the Bishop—ingenious. This author seems to fancy these little devices.

By K. A. K. Larsen (p. 534).—1 Kt—K 5. This strikes us as an original idea associated with Black Pawn promotion. It is a pity 1... P—Kt 5 leads to a dual.

By C. R. B. Sumner (p. 534).—1 Q—Kt 4. An entertaining battery problem with a good key and ample variety for a threat two-mover. It is rather unfortunate the Kt at Kt 8 is needed for one mate only, which savours of being fringy.

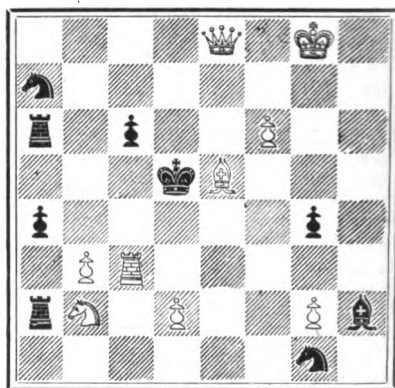
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,547.

By E. BOSWELL
(Lancaster).BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (11 *pieces*)

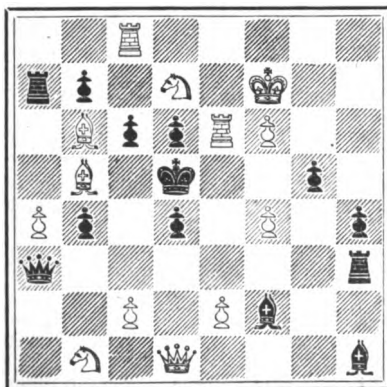
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,548.

By W. LANGSTAFF
(London).BLACK (9 *pieces*)WHITE (9 *pieces*)

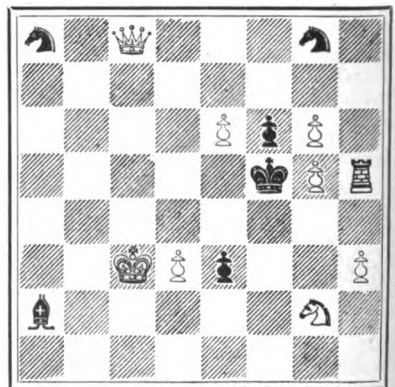
White mates in three moves.

No. 2,549.

By KENNETH S. HOWARD
(Rochester, U.S.A.).BLACK (13 *pieces*)WHITE (13 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,550.

By Dr. F. RDUCH
(Czernowitz).BLACK (6 *pieces*)WHITE (9 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

The Girls Open Championship

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THE FIRST GIRLS' OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

This interesting event took place at the Imperial Chess Club, 62 Brook Street, London, from January 12th to 16th. A very handsome challenge cup had been generously provided by Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell, and other prizes were added, so that none of the entrants went away empty-handed.

Directly it became known that Miss Vera Menchik, the strong Russian girl-player of Hastings, was competing, it was felt that the first holder of the cup was indicated ; but the four other girls showed promising form and great keenness. Next year Miss Menchik will be over the age limit (21), so a change of ownership is assured. An amusing incident marked the opening ceremony. On presenting themselves for the first round on January 12th, the girls found no less than twenty-three press photographers in the room, and eight others came later in the day ! It would indeed have been poetic justice if one of the girls had insisted on taking a picture of the photographers. The following is the full score :—

	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.
1 Miss V. Menchik	—	1	1	1	1	4
2 Miss M. Brown	0	—	1	0	1	2
3 Miss O. Menchik	0	0	—	1	1	2
4 Miss B. J. Spencer	0	1	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$
5 Miss A. I. Green	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$

The second prize was a silver goblet (also given by Lady Margaret), and a play-off was necessary to decide the winner of this. Eventually Miss Muriel Brown of Belvedere, Kent, beat Miss Olga Menchik in a good game which lasted over three hours. The non-prize-winners each received a copy of Griffith and Goldstein's *Modern Chess Openings* from the Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell, while Mrs. Rawson gave each girl a box of chocolates at the finish.

A silver miniature replica of the cup will be retained by the winner, Miss Menchik, who wound up the proceedings by giving a simultaneous display to thirteen members of the club on Saturday afternoon, January 16th. She won 9, drew 2 and lost 2. Mr. Green and Mr. Brown, fathers respectively of two of the competitors, played in this event ; the latter winning his game and thus partially avenging his daughter's defeat.

Miss Menchik wound up a most strenuous day by fulfilling an engagement at 10-30 p.m. with the British Broadcasting Company to give the result of the tournament over the wireless !

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THE LONDON CHESS LEAGUE CONGRESS.

The third Congress of the London Chess League was held at St. Bride's Institute from January 4th. to January 9th.

Punctually at 10 a.m. on Monday, J. H. Blake, the president, opened the Congress. He reported that Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., who had delayed his departure for the Continent in order to open the congress, had suffered a sad bereavement the Saturday before in the loss of his niece, Mrs. Bayne, who gave away the prizes at the last congress; and he was therefore unable to come. The company present received the news with sympathy, and a vote of condolence was immediately carried.

The entries this year had increased to forty-two, of which no less than twelve were members of the Hampstead Chess Club. It seems a pity that the other London clubs do not support the congress in the same way as the league champions.

The entries for the Major tournament remained at ten. There were sixteen entrants for the Minor, who were divided into two sections of eight, the first three in each section playing for the prizes. The entries for the Boys' Championship were also ten, six of whom competed last year. There was also an evening tournament for which six competed.

We will first of all review the Boys' London Championship. Black and Bowers, who had taken part in the triple tie for the championship in 1924, were again competitors, as also Rupert Cross, the blind boy being educated at Worcester College for the Blind; J. B. Smith, C. Bruning and M. Alder.

After the seventh round it looked as if Max Black would be the winner, his score was then six, and the nearest were J. B. Smith and S. E. Solomons with four-and-a-half, but in the next round Black lost to Cross. The score and the game, so far as we have been able to follow it, is as follows:—

GAME NO. 5,609.

Queen's Pawn.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
RUPERT CROSS		MAX BLACK		RUPERT CROSS		MAX BLACK	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	15	P—Q 6	15	P×P
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K Kt 3	16	Q×P	16	Kt—Q B 3
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	B—Kt 2	17	Q R—Q 1	17	Kt—B 3
4	P—K 4	4	P—Q 3	18	B—Kt 5	18	Q×Q
5	P—B 4	5	Castles	19	R×Q	19	Kt—K 1
6	Kt—B 3	6	Kt—B 3	20	R—Q 7	20	P—B 3
7	B—K 3	7	B—Kt 5	21	B—K 3	21	P—Q Kt 4
8	B—K 2	8	Kt—Q 2	22	P×P	22	P×P
9	Castles	9	P—K 3	23	B—Kt 4	23	P—B 4
10	R—B 1	10	B×Kt	24	P×P	24	Kt—B 3
11	B×B	11	P—K 4	25	B—B 3	25	Kt×R
12	B P×P	12	P×P	26	B×Kt	26	Q R—Q 1
13	P—Q 5	13	Kt—K 2	27	B—Kt 5	27	Kt—B 3
14	Q—Q 2	14	P—Q R 3	28	P×P	28	P×P

29 B×P 29 R—Q 5 31 B—K 3 31 R(Q 5)—Q 1
30 R—K 1 30 Kt—R 4 32 B—B 5 and White won.

Smith won his game and reached 5½. On the last day Black again lost to Bowers, whose score was then 5, and, therefore, both finished with 6. Smith was playing Rowson, whose score was 5. If Smith could win, he won the championship—if Rowson won he would tie with Black and Bowers. Eventually the game became a certain draw which, therefore, brought Smith's score up to 6. Bowers score at the sixth round was only 3, but he won his last three games, just the opposite to last year when he lead until the finish.

As a rule the boys chose the more difficult openings as the game given. When 1 P—K 4 was played Black generally adopted the French.

Rupert Cross has certainly improved in his play. A likely winner in the future is G. H. Rowson of St. Paul's.

The triple tie will be played off in the spring for the Cup, but the three divided the first three prizes, and each received from the "referee" a prize of one year's subscription to a London Chess Club; whilst Solomons and Rowson divided the fourth and fifth prizes. The following is the table of the Boys' Championship:—

BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP OF LONDON.

School.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.
1 Max Black (Owen's)	—	1	½	1	0	½	0	1	1	1	6
2 P. E. Bowers (Westminster Col'te)	0	—	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6
3 J. B. Smith (Sir Walter St. John)	½	1	—	½	1	½	0	1	1	1	6
4 G. H. Rowson (St. Paul's)	0	0	½	—	1	½	½	1	1	1	5½
5 S. E. B. Solomons (Owen's)	1	1	½	0	—	0	1	0	1	1	5½
6 M. L. Adler (Whitechapel Foun.)	½	0	½	½	1	—	½	1	0	1	5
7 Rupert Cross (Wor. Coll. Blind) ..	1	0	1	½	0	½	—	0	1	½	4½
8 Clement Bruning (Ealing Priory)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	—	1	1	4
9 B. St. J. Steadman (Dulwich) ..	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	1	2
10 F. W. Darke (Hampton Gramm.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	—	½

The following exciting game proved too much for Cross: the finish is quite good.

GAME No. 5,610.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
P. E. BOWERS		RUPERT CROSS		P. E. BOWERS		RUPERT CROSS	
1 P—K 4		1 P—K 3		12 K Kt—B 3		12 Q—Q 4	
2 P—Q 4		2 P—Q 4		13 B—K 3		13 K Kt—K 2	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 B—Kt 5		14 R—Q 1		14 Q—B 5	
4 P—K 5		4 P—Q B 4		15 P—Q 5		15 Kt×K P	
5 P×P		5 P—Q 5		16 Kt—B 6 ch		16 K—Q 1	
6 Q—Kt 4		6 P—K Kt 3		17 P×P dis ch		17 Kt—Q 6 ch	
7 B—Kt 5 ch		7 Kt—B 3		18 R×Kt ch		18 Q×R	
8 Kt—K 2		8 B×P		19 Q×B		19 P×P	
9 Kt—K 4		9 Q—R 4 ch		20 Q—R 5 ch		20 P—Kt 3	
10 P—B 3		10 Q×B		21 B×P ch		Resigns	
11 P×P		11 B—Kt 5 ch					

The entries for the Major Tournament were not equal to those of the previous year. The sad death of L. Savage in the summer depriving the congress of one strong competitor.

After four rounds Griffith and Winter had both scored four wins; they agreed to a draw on the next round, but in the sixth

round Griffith got short of time and lost a game in which he had a promising attack, as per diagram. He played 16 B—B 5! K Kt—K 2; 17 Castles Q R?, Kt—Q 5; 18 K—Kt 1, Q—Q 1; 19 Kt—Q 5, Kt—Kt 6!; 20 Q—K 3, Kt×B; 21 Q×Kt, Kt—B 3; 22 Q—B 2, Kt—Q 5; 23 Kt—R 3, and Black won. Instead of which the following line would have assured him of at least the exchange: 16 B—B 5! K Kt—K 2; 17 Kt—Q 5, if ..Kt×Kt; 18 B P×Kt, Kt—Q 5; 19 B—Q 1, if then 19.., P×Kt? 20 P×P dis ch, K—Kt 1; 21 Q—R 2, P—K B 3; 22 Q—R 7 ch, K—B 2; 23 R—R 6 and wins.

Winter won the remainder of his games and therefore secured the first prize. He undoubtedly played the soundest chess and deservedly won. Against Ewbank he spent a long time setting an elaborate trap into which, however, Ewbank did not fall: had he done so he would have won the game, for it was unsound! Probably Dr. Steadman ought to have drawn. The following is Winter's game with Morrison:—

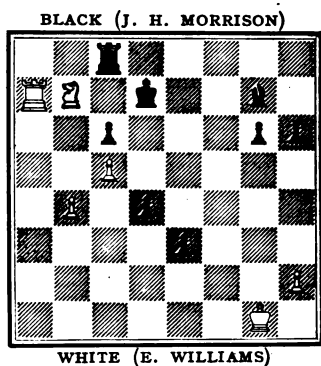
GAME NO. 5,611.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK	
J. H. MORRISON	W. WINTER	J. H. MORRISON	W. WINTER
1 P—K 4	1 P—Q B 4	19 Q—Kt 1	19 P—Q Kt 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	20 P—R 4	20 Q—Kt 2
3 P—Q 4	3 P×P	21 B—Q 3	21 P×P
4 Kt×P	4 Kt—B 3	22 P×P	22 K R—Kt 1
5 Kt—Q B 3	5 P—Q 3	23 P×P	23 R P×P
6 B—K 2	6 P—K Kt 3	24 Q—B 2	24 Q—Kt 6
7 Castles	7 B—Kt 2	25 Q—K 2	25 Q—B 6
8 B—K 3	8 Castles	26 B—B 1	26 R—Kt 6
9 Kt—Kt 3	9 B—K 3	27 R—Q 2	27 Q—K 4
10 P—B 4	10 Kt—Q R 4	28 Q—Kt 2	28 R×B
11 Kt—Q 5	11 Kt×Kt (Kt 6)	29 R×R	29 B×P
12 Kt×Kt ch	12 B×Kt	20 R(Q 3)—B 3	30 R—Kt 1
13 R P×Kt	13 K B×P	31 B—B 4	31 Q—K 3
14 R—R 2	14 B—Kt 2	32 K—R 2	32 R—Kt 7
15 P—B 4	15 Q—B 2	33 B—Q 2	33 B—B 6
16 K—R 1	16 P—Q R 3	34 B×B	34 R×Q ch
17 P—K Kt 4	17 B—Q 2	35 K×R	35 Q×P ch
18 P—K B 5	18 B—Q B 3	Resigns.	

Morrison in the 8th round was hard pressed by Williams, who in the following position lost a chance of winning a piece and probably the game. He did, however, eventually draw. White played 1 Kt—Q 6 dis ch, R—B 2; 2 R—R 8 and draw; but 2 R×R ch, K×R; 3 Kt—Kt 8 ch wins the Bishop, and if Black King goes to capture it, one of White's Queen's side Pawns goes on to Queen.

This brought Morrison and Griffith level again, with one round to play, Morrison having Steadman as an opponent, and the following game was the result:—



GAME NO. 5,612.

French Defence.

WHITE	BLACK		
J. H. MORRISON	Dr. F. St. J. STEADMAN		
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 3	16 Q×P	16 Kt—K 4!
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4	17 Kt×Kt	17 B×Kt
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	18 Kt—R 3	18 Q—R 4 ch
4 B—K Kt 5	4 B—K 2	19 K—B 1	19 P—Q 6
5 P—K 5	5 K Kt—Q 2	20 P—Q B 3	20 B—Q 2
6 P—K R 4	6 P—K B 3?	21 Q×Q P	21 B—Kt 4
7 B—Q 3	7 P—Q B 4	22 Kt×B	22 Q×Kt
8 Q—R 5 ch	8 K—B 1	23 Q×Q	23 P×Q
9 P×K B P?		24 P—Q R 3	24 P—Kt 5
Better P—B 4 and if 9... P×P;			Better perhaps B—B 5;
10 Kt—Kt 5, Kt—B 3; 11 Kt—		25 K—Kt 2, P—Q 4!	
K B 3.	9 Kt×P	25 R—K 1	25 P×R P
10 B×Kt	10 B×B	26 P×P	26 B×P
11 Kt—B 3	11 P×P	27 R×P	27 Q R×P
12 Kt—Q Kt 5	12 Kt—B 3!	28 R—R 3	28 P—Q 5?
13 P—K Kt 4	13 P—Q R 3		B—Kt 7 would have
14 P—Kt 5	14 P—K Kt 3		been far better.
15 B×P	15 P×B	29 P—R 5	29 R—R 8 ch?
		30 K—Kt 2	30 R—K 8??
		31 R—B 3 ch and mate in three.	

Griffith in the meantime was playing Dawn, and seeing that Morrison seemed likely to lose, kept a draw in hand. After Morrison had won, it was necessary for him to play for a win; the position was very complicated, the time for the prize-giving had come round, and it was mutually agreed to finish the game at the Hampstead Club on Saturday evening. Griffith eventually secured a win and a tie for the second place. Williams and Mrs. Holloway shared the

fourth prize, some distance away from the three first prize-winners, but the gap would have been far nearer had the lower scorers taken the chances they had. Griffith was extraordinarily lucky to win against Dr. Steadman—Ewbank made an error with the same player, giving away a certain draw.

Williams was very uneven, playing some very good and some very bad games. Kazi played some good chess at times, while Dawn was only just outside the prize list. Wernick played better than his score indicates. The following is the table:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.
1 W. Winter	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 R. C. Griffith.. .. .	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 J. H. Morrison	O	I	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 Mrs. Holloway	O	O	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	4
5 E. Williams	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	I	4
6 T. S. Dawn	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 A. M. Ewbank	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	3
8 Dr. St. J. Steadman	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	I	3
9 N. Kazi	O	O	O	I	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	O	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
10 G. E. Wernick	O	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	I	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

The Minor Tournament resulted as follows: Section "A," J. Strachstein, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$, A. E. Hopkins 6, and S. J. Osborn 4, as the three leaders. Miss Chater was next with 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

In section "B," F. J. Dennis was first with 7, followed by T. Lindsay-Moodie and T. M. Wechsler with 5 each. F. M. Argrave with 4 was fourth. The tie in this section was played off on Friday evening and Lindsay-Moodie won.

On Saturday Strachstein beat Dennis for the first prize, Hopkins beat Wechsler for the third, and Lindsay-Moodie beat S. J. Osborn for the fifth; Dennis therefore taking the second, Wechsler the fourth and Osborn the sixth prizes.

In the evening tournament W. H. Watts won with 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, Hall having accepted a draw in a position which he should have continued and might have won. Hall was second with 4.

A knock-out tournament for the non prize-winners in the Minor was won by F. E. Allen.

In presiding at the prize-giving ceremony, J. H. Blake commented on the curiosity of a second triple tie for the Boys' Championship, and commented on the extra number of entries and hoped for a still greater number next year; also on the successful way in which the Congress had been run, and presented G. R. Hardcastle with a small gift from the competitors in recognition of this last fact, and as a slight return for the courtesy which he had employed throughout.

Mrs. Stevenson, the lady champion, gave away the prizes, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to her for so doing, and the wish expressed that she might have great success in the chess tournament at Hyères which she was taking part in shortly.

HASTINGS CHRISTMAS CHESS FESTIVAL.

The sixth annual Hastings Christmas Congress was opened at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 28th, by the Mayor of Hastings, Alderman W. J. Fellows, in the spacious Town Hall. H. E. Dobell, president of the Hastings Chess Club, proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor and to the Town Council for the assistance given, and for the loan of the Council Chamber. Allan F. Kidney, secretary of the Hastings Club, seconded the vote, which was carried with acclamation.

In all, no less than one hundred competitors sat down to commence their games at 6-30 p.m., and, owing to lack of sufficient accommodation, the tournament committee had to refuse an additional twenty-two entrants who desired to compete.

In the Premier Tournament the "stars" are A. Alekhine and Dr. M. Vidmar, the latter making his second appearance in England, the first being in the London International Tournament of 1922, when he obtained third prize behind Capablanca and Alekhine, but ahead of Rubinstein, Bogoljuboff, Reti and many others. The brilliant but erratic veteran, D. Janowski, the youthful Belgian champion E. Colle, and the studious, painstaking Dr. A. Seitz complete the foreign contingent, to whom are opposed an equal number of English players in F. D. Yates, R. P. Michell, E. G. Sergeant, V. L. Wahltsch, who is making his reappearance in an open tournament after a four-year interval; and the local crack, G. M. Norman, who acquitted himself very creditably in the last two Christmas Congresses. The brilliant young Mexican, Carlos Torre, expressed a belated desire to compete, but the committee were reluctantly compelled to decline his entry, having already completed their arrangements for the Premier Tournament.

In the Major Tournament the Czecho-Slovakian expert, A. Teller, is pitted against several strong amateurs of just below top standard, and it will be interesting to see how the young Anglo-Russian girl, Miss Menchik, fares against such company. Another foreign representative, H. Cohn, of Breslau, is filling a last minute vacancy in the Major Reserves.

We give below a round-by-round account of the Premier Tournament, together with some description of the Major Tournament.

FIRST ROUND, December 28th.

Opening.			Result.
Alekhine v. Michell	Queen's Gambit Declined	Alekhine won.	
Colle v. Janowski	Queen's Pawn Game	Colle won.	
Sergeant v. Wahltsch	Ruy Lopez	Sergeant won.	
Norman v. Vidmar	Queen's Pawn Game	Vidmar won.	
Seitz v. Yates	Queen's Pawn Game	*Seitz won.	
* Adjourned.			

The first game was won by Vidmar in nineteen moves. Gaining a Pawn by a pretty combination on the tenth move, he finished off his opponent in first class style.

GAME NO. 5,613.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		10 Kt—K 2	10 Q Kt—K 4 !
G. M. NORMAN		DR. M. VIDMAR		A terrible surprise for White, who loses a Pawn to start with.	
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3		11 P×Kt	11 Kt×P
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K Kt 3		12 Q—Kt 3	12 Kt×B ch
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 B—Kt 2		13 K—B 1	13 P—Q B 4
4 Kt—B 3		4 Castles		14 P—K R 4	14 Q—Q 2
5 P—K 4		5 P—Q 3		15 P—R 5	15 Q—K 3
6 B—Q 3				16 R—R 4	16 Q×B P
A faulty move ; 6 B—K 2 or 6 P—K R 3 was better.				17 P×P	17 B P×P
		6 B—Kt 5		18 Q—R 3	18 Kt×B P !
7 P—K R 3		7 B×Kt		19 B×Kt	19 B—Q 5
8 Q×B		8 Kt—B 3		20 Resigns	
9 B—K 3		9 Kt—Q 2			

Alekhine won shortly afterwards, Michell being unwise enough to adopt the "strong orthodox defence," and playing strictly on the defensive throughout, he allowed Alekhine to win at will. The full score will be found in the Games Department.

A third game also finished in less than 27 moves, Wahlutuch prematurely exchanging Queens, which led to the loss of the Exchange.

Janowski obtained a fairly good opening with his form of Tchigorin's Defence, developing the Queen's Bishop on the King-side before playing Q Kt—Q 2, but becoming too venturesome, he lost the Exchange, after which Colle gave him no chance.

Seitz built up a strong attack on the King-side against Yates' King's Fianchetto Defence, and at the adjournment was a Pawn ahead, Yates' counter-attack on the Queen-side not having come to anything. Subsequently Yates accelerated the end by a sacrifice of a piece, but his game was already lost at that stage.

In the Major, Goldstein and Teller had an interesting game in which the former, after sacrificing a piece, contented himself with recovering it ; had he instead pressed on with the attack, analysis showed, later that it would have won for him. Teller thus secured an advantage for the end-game on the Queen-side, which proved decisive. Stephenson, as second player to Bolland, lost a Pawn, but secured a powerful passed Pawn, and his two Bishops carried the day. Buerger and Jesty won easily, and Miss Menchik, playing strong, forceful chess, quickly accounted for Holmes.

SECOND ROUND, December 29th.

		Opening.	Result.
Vidmar v. Sergeant	Queen's Pawn Game	*Vidmar won.	
Yates v. Norman	Alekhine's Defence	†Norman won.	
Janowski v. Seitz	Sicilian Defence	*Drawn.	
Michell v. Colle	Alekhine's Defence	*Michell won.	
Alekhine v. Wahlutuch ..	Queen's Gambit Declined ..	Alekhine won.	
		† Adjourned twice.	

The only game finished before the interval was Alekhine *v.* Wahltsch, in which White contented himself with creating weaknesses in Black's Pawn position on the Queen side and in the centre, while keeping Black's game very confined. Wahltsch made a blunder losing the Exchange, and at once resigned, as his game was hopeless.

Sergeant for a long time held his own against Vidmar, emerging from the opening, which ran 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 5; 4 B—Q 2, P—Q Kt 3; 5 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 2; 6 P—K 3, B×Kt; 7 B×B, Kt—K 5; 8 Q—B 2, Kt×B, with an equal game. Vidmar secured a good post at Q 6 for his Knight in the end-game, and after the adjournment he won a Pawn in a Knight ending, and quickly turned the material gain to advantage. Sergeant earlier missed a drawing line pointed out by Alekhine.

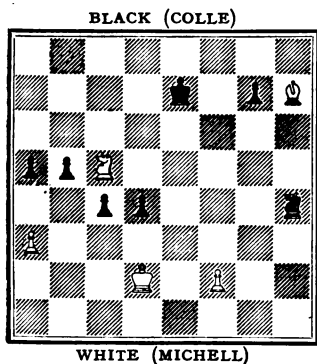
Yates, with a good game, sacrificed two centre Pawns for the attack, recovered only one of them, and the game came down to an ending with two Rooks each, which Norman should have won more speedily than he did.

Janowski commenced an offensive on the Queen-side against Seitz's Paulsen Variation; and at the adjournment had Queen and six Pawns against two Rooks and five Pawns, with a probable draw.

Michell opened 1 P—K 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 3 B—B 4, Kt—Kt 3; 4 B—Kt 3, P—Q B 4; 5 P—Q 3, P—Q 4 against Colle, who obtained the better game with his strong Pawn centre. In the end-game he sacrificed a piece for two Pawns to obtain

some very dangerous passed Pawns; but Michell, playing with great care and accuracy, found the only defence and ultimately won.

The concluding moves after Black's 40th move, Kt×P (R 5), were 41 B—K 4, K—Q 3; 42 Kt—Kt 7 ch, K—K 4; 43 B—B 6, P—Kt 5; 44 Kt×P, P—Q 6; 45 P×P, K—Q 5; 46 P—Kt 5, P—B 6 ch; 47 K—Q 1, K—B 4; 48 Kt—Kt 3 ch, K—Kt 3; 49 Kt—B 1, Kt—B 4; 50 Kt×P, Kt—Q 5; 51 Kt—Kt 4, Kt×P; 52 B×Kt, K×B; 53 Kt—R 2, K—B 5; 54 K—B 2 and wins.



In the Major, Teller lost a Pawn in the early middle-game against Packer, who commenced the game with 1 P—K 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—Q B 3, P—K 4; 3 P—Q 4, P×P; 4 Q×P—an opening of metamorphoses—and Packer should have won. He, however, went quite astray and lost two Pawns, bringing about an end-game in which he was a Pawn down, but owing to the position it was impossible for Black to win. Stephenson and Goldstein had a wild game; the latter, having to make seven moves in one minute, lost a piece by a blunder. Bolland had a hard fight to dispose of Holmes. Miss Menchik played one careless move resulting in an isolated centre Pawn, after

which Jesty, playing with great accuracy, gave her no chance of saving the game. Buerger had an easy passage against Morrison.

In the evening there was a Lightning Tournament with 24 entries. The winners were : 1, H. E. Price ; 2, A. H. Hart ; 3, J. H. Morrison and 4, E. T. Jesty.

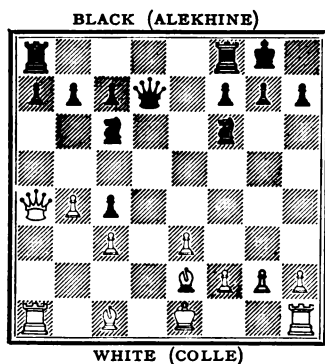
THIRD ROUND, December 30th.

	Opening.	Result.
Sergeant v. Yates	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Drawn.
Wahlutuch v. Vidmar	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Vidmar won
Norman v. Janowski	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Drawn.
Seitz v. Michell	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Michell won.
Colle v. Alekhine	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Alekhine won.

It was perhaps natural to expect play to be on the cautious side, as this was the double-round day ; but although three of the games were adjourned, the two leaders won as they pleased.

Wahlutuch went astray in the opening—after 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3 ; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K Kt 3 ; 3 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 2 ; 4 P—K 4, P—Q 3 ; 5 P—B 4, Castles ; 6 Kt—B 3, P—B 4 he played 7 P×P ? (7 P—Q 5, as played with slight transposition of moves by Colle against Sergeant in the sixth round, is the better move). The game continued 7... Q—R 4 ! 8 B—Q 2, Q×B P ; 9 Q—K 2, Kt—B 3 ; 10 Castles, B—Kt 5 ; 11 Q—K 3, Kt—Q 2 ; 12 Kt—Q R 4, Q×Q ; 13 B×Q, B×Kt, and Black has already the superior game.

Colle's game against Alekhine opened on unusual lines. The full score will be found in the Games Department, so we will content ourselves with giving a diagram of the critical position after Black's 12th move, P×P. White now played 13 Castles, P—Q R 3 ; 14 Q—B 2, Q—K 3 ; 15 B—B 3, never recovering his Pawn, and Alekhine gave him no further respite, winning by very pretty play. After the game, onlookers suggested that White should instead have taken his courage in both hands and played 13 B×P. It is true that after 13... Q—Kt 5 ; 14 B—B 1 he would have been considerably behind in development, and Colle doubtless feared to give his enterprising adversary



any chance ; but he could have completed his development by 15 P—K B 3 followed by K—B 2, and his Bishops would begin to tell.

Sergeant played a conventional Lopez against Yates, and although at the adjournment he had a trifling Queen-side advantage, nothing came of it. Norman had a curious game against Janowski, giving up a piece but obtaining a position more than compensating for it. Running short of time, he did not find the right continuation, and at the adjournment Black was still a piece up, but it was impossible to win.

GAME No. 5,614.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK	
G. M. NORMAN		D. JANOWSKI	
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—Q 3	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 B—B 4	
4 P—B 3		4 Q Kt—Q 2	
5 P—K 4		5 B—Kt 3	
6 B—Q 3		6 P—K 4	
7 P—Q 5		7 Kt—R 4	
8 B—K 3		8 B—K 2	
9 Q—Q 2		9 Kt—B 4	
10 B—Q B 2		10 P—R 4	
11 K Kt—K 2		11 P—R 3	
12 P—K Kt 3		12 B—Kt 4	
13 P—B 4		13 P×P	
14 P×P		14 B—R 5 ch	
15 K—Q 1		15 Kt—B 3	
16 P—K 5		16 B×B ch	
17 K×B		17 K Kt—Q 2	
18 Q—Q 4		18 Q—K 2	
19 Kt—Kt 5		19 Kt—R 3	
20 K Kt—B 3		20 P×P	
21 P×P		21 Castles K R	
		22 Q R—K Kt 1	22 B—Kt 4
		23 B×B	23 P×B
		24 Kt—K 4.	24 Q×P
		25 R×P	25 Q×Q
		26 Kt×Q	26 Q R—K 1
		27 Kt—K Kt 3	27 R—K 4
		28 Kt(Kt 3)—B 5	28 P—K Kt 3
		29 K R—K Kt 1	29 K R—K 1
		30 Kt—K 6 1	30 K—R 2
		31 Kt(B 5)—Q 4	31 P×Kt
		32 R×P	32 Kt—B 1
		33 R—Kt 7 ch	33 K—R 3
		34 R—Kt 8	34 P×P
		35 R(Kt 1)—Kt 3	35 K—R 2

G. E. Smith pointed out a win for White by 35 R—R 8 ch! Kt—R 2; 36 R×R, R×R; 37 Kt—B 5 ch, K—R 4; 38 Kt—Kt 7 ch, etc.

36 R(Kt 3)—Kt 7 ch 36 K—R 3

37 R—Kt 3 37 K—R 2

Drawn

Seitz and Michell both ran very short of time, and in the scramble with the clock Michell won a Pawn with an easily-won ending, which Seitz prolonged rather needlessly.

In the Major, Teller outplayed Stephenson and won a somewhat protracted end-game, in which he was a Pawn up. Buerger obtained only a slight advantage against Miss Menchik. Bolland sacrificed the Exchange for a strong positional attack against Jesty, who was completely tied up; and victory was not long delayed. Holmes had a strong attack for a Pawn against Goldstein, but fell into a trap set by his opponent. Morrison was two Pawns ahead in a Queen-ending against Packer, but found the difficulties insuperable.

FOURTH ROUND, December 30th.

		Opening.	Result.
Vidmar <i>v.</i> Alekhine	.. ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Drawn.
Colle <i>v.</i> Seitz	.. ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Seitz won.
Michell <i>v.</i> Norman	.. ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Michell won.
Yates <i>v.</i> Wahlthuch	.. ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Yates won.
Janowski <i>v.</i> Sergeant	.. ..	<i>Four Knights Game</i>	Janowski won.

The important and probably decisive game between Vidmar and Alekhine was drawn in 17 moves, thus duplicating their encounter in the London Tournament of 1922. In a tournament in which there are only two players of outstanding merit, the result of the tournament is decided by their scoring against the weaker opposition, and they must

play for safety in their individual encounter. The game gave promise of interesting possibilities, but an exchange of Queens relieved the tension.

GAME No. 5,615.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE
Dr. M. VIDMAR

1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4
3 Kt—Q B 3
4 Q—B 2

This avoids the danger of Black's Kt—K 5, as occurred in the seventh round game Norman—Alekhine.

5 P—K 3
6 Kt—B 3

BLACK

A. ALEKHINE

1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K 3
3 B—Kt 5

4 P—B 4
5 Kt—B 3
6 Castles

7 P—Q R 3

8 Q×B

9 P×P

10 B—Kt 5

11 B×P

12 B×Q

13 B—R 4

14 Castles (K R)

15 Q R—B 1

16 B×Kt

17 P—Q Kt 4

7 B×Kt ch

8 P×P

9 P—Q 4

10 P×P

11 Kt—K 5

12 Kt×Q

13 Kt—Q 4

14 P—Q Kt 3

15 B—Kt 2

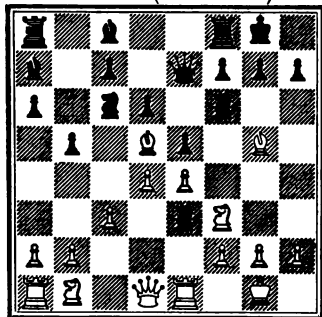
16 P×B

17 Q R—B 1

Drawn

Colle lost a Pawn to Seitz, and this proved sufficient for victory. Michell had by no means an easy task against Norman, but finally won, and thus kept in the van of the two leaders.

BLACK (WAHLTUCH)



WHITE (YATES)

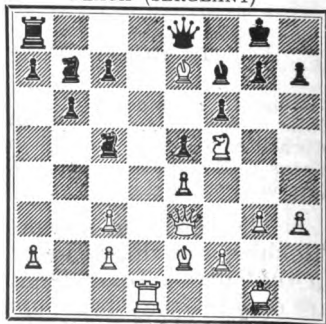
Sergeant did not find the right defence in his game, and Janowski concluded the game with one of his characteristic combinations.

Black's last move, 29... Kt (K 3)—B 4 gave White the opportunity to sacrifice a Bishop by 30 B×P, P×B; 31 Q—R 6, Q—K B 1; 32 Q×P, P—K R 3; 33 Kt×P ch, K—R 2; 34 Kt×B and Black resigned.

In the Major, Teller added another point at the expense of Holmes, obtaining a strong position in the centre and winding up with

Wahl Tuch played the defence weakly against Yates, and then moved his Queen's Bishop to the wrong square, which gave Yates the opportunity for an immediately decisive King-side attack. In answer to White's 11th move, B—Q 5, Black played 11... B—Kt 2? (11... B—Q 2 was essential), and after 12 Q Kt—Q 2, Kt—Q 1; 13 Kt—R 4, B×B; 14 P×B, Q—Q 2; 15 B×Kt, P×B; 16 Kt—K 4, K—R 1; 17 Q—R 5 he resigned the hopeless game.

BLACK (SERGEANT)



WHITE (JANOWSKI)

an elegant attack. Buerger suffered a set-back by losing to Bolland, who played very finely to take advantage of a premature Pawn-advance of his opponent. Stephenson, by beating Packer, came up level with Bolland for second place. Miss Menchik, with a perfectly equal game, made a blunder losing a Knight against Morrison. Goldstein sacrificed the Exchange for a Pawn in the end-game against Jesty in hopes of a win, but the game ended indecisively.

FIFTH ROUND, December 31st.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Sergeant v. Michell	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Michell won.
Alekhine v. Seitz	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Alekhine won.
Wahlutuch v. Janowski	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Drawn.
Norman v. Colle	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Colle won.
Vidmar v. Yates	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Vidmar won.

Sergeant went astray in the middle-game and lost a piece. Michell's fourth successive win left him only half a point behind the two leaders and a clear $1\frac{1}{2}$ points ahead of the rest of the field.

Alekhine smashed up Seitz, who adopted the risky Budapest variation and utterly neglected to develop his Queen-side, which gave Alekhine the opportunity for a temporary Queen sacrifice. The full score of the game is given in the Games Section.

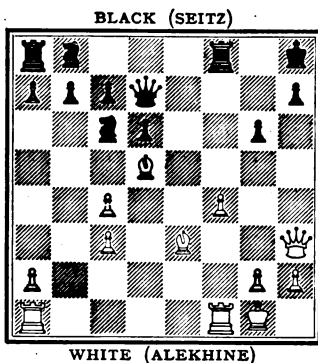
Alekhine won by 17 P—KB 5, P×P; 18 Q R—Kt 1!, P—B 5; 19 B×B P, Q×Q; 20 B—K 5 ch! and Black resigned, for after 20... P×B; 21 R×R ch, K—Kt 2; 22 R—Kt 8 ch followed by P×Q and B×Kt, he will be a Rook to the bad.

Wahlutuch played in improved form against Janowski, retaining an equal position, and the game was adjourned with Rook, Knight and four Pawns against Rook, Bishop and four Pawns, with a probable draw.

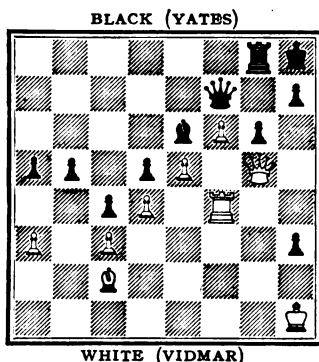
Norman lost the Exchange by a slip, after which his game was hopeless.

The game of the round was Vidmar v. Yates, which aroused much excitement among a large circle of spectators. The opening transposed into a Queen's Gambit Declined of the kind in vogue in Pillsbury's days—King-side attack by White opposed by the advance of Black's Queen-side majority. Vidmar gave up two Pawns for the attack, but although he had greater control of the board, and had forced his opponent's Queen and Rook to the back rank whilst his had freedom of movement, it was not at all clear to the onlookers how he could win.

After the adjournment he solved his difficult problem in masterly style, and at the finish there were four Queens on the board—a most



unusual occurrence in first-class play—both players having just promoted Pawns, but Vidmar had forced a mate in four. This was considered to be the most interesting game played in the tournament so far.



White proceeded to re-group his pieces as follows:—

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| 36 R—B 1 | 36 R—Kt 1 |
| 37 B—Q 1 | 37 P—Kt 5 |
| 38 B P×P | 38 P×P |
| 39 P×P | 39 R×P |
| 40 B—Kt 4 | 40 R—Kt 2 |
| 41 B×B | |

With the disappearance of Black's Bishop his White squares become dangerously weak.

In the Major, Jesty lost a Pawn against Teller without any compensation, and the latter scored another win. Bolland and Stephenson could only draw with Morrison and Holmes respectively, and Buerger, who defeated Goldstein in excellent style, playing Black against the English Opening, came up level with him for second place. Miss Menchik, with a marked advantage against Packer, underrated the force of his King-side attack, and lost.

SIXTH ROUND, January 1st.

Opening.				Result.	
Colle v. Sergeant	..	..	Queen's Pawn Game	..	*Colle won.
Michell v. Wahltsch	..	..	Ruy Lopez	..	Wahltsch won.
Janowski v. Vidmar	..	..	Queen's Pawn Game	..	*Vidmar won.
Seitz v. Norman	..	..	Queen's Pawn Game	..	*Seitz won.
Alekhine v. Yates	..	..	French Defence	..	*Alekhine won.

Colle played the opening against Sergeant in better style than Wahltsch against Vidmar, and retained the better game. The opening moves, which have been recommended as good for White by Alekhine in *L'Echiquier* recently, may be of interest to those who are unfamiliar with his article: 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4,

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| 42 Q—R 6 | 41 Q×B |
| 43 R—R 1 | 42 R—K B 2 |
| 44 Q—K 3 | 43 Q—B 1 |

Black has now a deplorable position, despite his Pawn majority.

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| 45 Q—K B 3 | 44 K—Kt 1 |
| 46 R—R 8 ch | 45 Q—K 3 |
| 47 Q—R 3 | 46 R—B 1 |
| 48 Q×R ch | 47 R×R |
| 49 Q—Kt 7 ch | 48 K—B 2 |
| 50 Q×R P | 49 K—K 1 |
| 51 Q×P ch | 50 P—B 6 |
| 52 K—R 2 | 51 K—Q 2 |
| 53 K—Kt 3 | 52 K—Q 1 |
| 54 Q—Kt 5 | 53 Q—B 3 |
| 55 P—B 7 ch | 54 P—B 7 |
| 56 P—B 8 (Q) | 55 K—B 2 |
| 57 K—R 2 | 56 Q—B 6 ch |
| 58 Q(Kt5)—Q8ch | 57 P—B 8 (Q) |
| 59 Q(B8)—K8ch | 58 K—B 3 |
| 60 Q—Kt 5 ch | 59 K—Kt 2 |
| | 60 Resigns |

P-K Kt 3; 3 Kt-Q B 3, B-Kt 2; 4 P-K 4, P-Q 3; 5 P-B 4, Castles; 6 Kt-B 3, P-B 4; 7 P-Q 5, P-K 3; 8 B-K 2, P×P; 9 B P×P, R-K 1; 10 Kt-Q 2, Q Kt-Q 2; 11 Castles, P-Q R 3; 12 P-Q R 4, K-R 1; 13 B-B 3. He retained his grip on the position, and was a piece ahead at the adjournment.

Wahlthuch spoilt the chances of his fellow-countryman by outmanoeuvring him in a difficult middle-game resulting from the 3., P-Q R 3; 4 B-R 4, Kt-B 3; 5 Castles, B-B 4 defence to the Ruy Lopez.

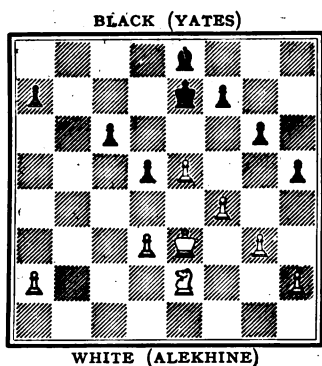
Janowski conducted one of his enterprising attacks against Vidmar. The score is appended, and speaks for itself.

GAME No. 5,616.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK	
D. JANOWSKI	Dr. M. VIDMAR	D. JANOWSKI	Dr. M. VIDMAR
1 P-Q 4	1 Kt-K B 3	27 Castles	27 R-R 3
2 Kt-K B 3	2 P-K Kt 3	28 Q-B 3	28 P-K 3
3 B-Kt 5	3 B-Kt 2	29 Q R-Kt 1	29 R-K 2
4 Q Kt-Q 2	4 P-Q 4	30 Q-Kt 2	30 Q-B 2
5 P-K 3	5 Castles	31 P-R 5	31 K-B 1
6 B-Q 3	6 P-B 3	32 K-Q 1	32 R-R 2
7 Q-K 2	7 B-Kt 5	33 K-K 2	33 Q-Kt 2
8 P-K R 3	8 B×Kt	34 K-B 3	34 P-R 4
9 P×B	9 Q Kt-Q 2	35 P-R 4	35 K-K 1
10 P-K B 4	10 P-B 4	36 R×P	36 P×R
11 P-Q B 3	11 Q-Kt 3	37 Q-Kt 6 ch	37 R-B 2
12 Kt-B 3	12 Q R-K 1	38 Q×R	38 Q-K 2
13 Kt-K 5	13 P-B 5	39 R-Kt 5	39 Q-K 5 ch
14 B-Kt 1	14 Q-B 2	40 K-Kt 3	40 B-B 3
15 B-B 2	15 P-Kt 4	41 Q×P	41 B×R
16 Q-B 3	16 Q-Q 3	42 Q×B	42 Q-R 8
17 P-K R 4	17 Kt-R 4	43 Q-K 5 ch	43 K-Q 2
18 Q-R 3	18 P-B 4	44 P-R 6	44 R-K 2
19 R-K Kt 1	19 P-Kt 5	45 Q-Kt 5	45 R-K 3
20 Kt×Kt	20 Q×Kt	46 P-R 7	46 R-K R 3
21 B-Q 1	21 P×P	47 Q-B 5 ch	47 K-B 2
22 P×P	22 Q-B 3	48 Q-K 5 ch	48 K-Kt 2
23 B×Kt	23 P×B	49 Q-K 7 ch	49 K-R 3
24 Q-B 3	24 P-K R 3	50 P-B 5	50 Q-R 6 ch
25 Q×P	25 P×B	51 K-B 4	51 R-R 5 ch
26 R×P	26 R-B 3		and wins.

Alekhine's game transposed into an equal variation of the French 1 P-Q 4, P-K 3; 2 P-K 4, P-Q 4; 3 Kt-Q B 3, B-Kt 5; 4 P×P, P×P, and came down to an early end-game. Yates' Bishop was blocked by his own Pawns, whereas Alekhine's Knight was free to move, and White wound the game up as follows:—



K—Kt 6, K—Kt 1; 52 P—B 7 ch! K—B 1; 53 K—B 6, B×P; 54 P—K 6 and wins.

Seitz' game had no special points of interest. It was adjourned in a level position, but Seitz gained the victory later on.

Buerger had an interesting game against Teller in the Major and as the opening is of interest we give the game on page 73.

Morrison and Goldstein had a rollicking game. The latter lost a Pawn by a slip, so he embarked on a speculative sacrifice of the Exchange for an attack; and Morrison later gave him the opportunity for a decisive Bishop sacrifice. Jesty outplayed Stephenson; and Holmes broke the ice with a good win against Packer. Miss Menchik had the tantalising experience of being two Pawns ahead in an end-game against Bolland, and yet being unable to force a win, owing to the peculiarity of the position.

A second Lightning Tournament, with 28 entries, was held in the evening. The prize-winners were: 1, A. Teller; 2, R. E. Lean; 3, J. du Mont; and 4, A. J. Mackenzie.

SEVENTH ROUND, January 2nd.

	Opening.	Result.
Sergeant v. Seitz	<i>Sicilian Defence</i>	Drawn.
Wahlruch v. Colle	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	*Colle won.
Vidmar v. Michell	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Vidmar won.
Yates v. Janowski	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Drawn.
Norman v. Alekhine	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Alekhine won.

Alekhine defeated Norman in 23 moves seizing the initiative very early. White as will be seen hastened the end by his 18th move, which cost a piece, but he already had the inferior position.

GAME NO. 5,617.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
G. M. NORMAN	A. ALEKHINE	G. M. NORMAN	A. ALEKHINE
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3	3 Kt—Q B 3	3 B—Kt 5
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3	4 Q—Kt 3	4 P—B 4

5 P×P	5 Kt—B 3	15 Kt—Kt 5	15 P—K 5
6 Kt—B 3	6 Kt—K 5	16 K Kt—Q 4	16 B—Kt 2
7 B—Q 2	7 Kt×B	17 Kt×Kt	17 P×Kt
8 Kt×Kt	8 Castles	18 Kt—Q 6 ?	18 B—R 1
9 P—K 3	9 B×P	19 R—Q 2	19 Q R—Q 1
10 B—K 2	10 P—Q Kt 3	20 Q R—Q 1	20 Q—K 2
11 Castles (K R)	11 P—B 4	21 P—K 4	21 R×Kt
12 Q R—B 1	12 R—Kt 1	22 R×R	22 B×R
13 Kt—B 3	13 Q—B 3	23 P×P	23 P—B 4
14 K R—Q 1	14 P—K Kt 4	24 Resigns	

Colle played 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 Kt—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, P×P against Wahltuch, who held the advantage in the end-game which resulted shortly afterwards. He missed a win and at the adjournment seemed to have little chance of saving the game, which had come down to a Knight and Pawns affair.

Vidmar defeated Michell by a fine combination after the latter had been too venturesome in opening up the game. The score, with notes by the Games Editor, will be found further on.

Yates had a difficult Queen-ending a Pawn down against Janowski, but found the way to draw. Seitz again played the Paulsen variation, and the game ended as indecisively as his game against Janowski at the same variation in an earlier round.

At the end of the first week, Alekhine and Vidmar shared the lead in the Premier Tournament with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 7 (*facile princeps*!). Michell had fallen back with two consecutive defeats; and Colle and Seitz had come up level with him with 4, followed by Janowski, 3; Sergeant and Yates, 2; and Norman and Wahltuch, $1\frac{1}{2}$. The remaining interest was whether either of the two leaders would falter in the last two rounds, and which of the next three would win the other prizes.

Teller, by beating Morrison, who fell into the variation at which Thomas lost to Alekhine at Carlsbad in 1923, made himself certain of at least second prize, even if he lost his remaining games. Stephenson unsoundly left a Knight *en prise* against Buerger for several moves; but the latter, being short on his clock, declined the offer. Holmes, continuing in improved vein, accounted for Jesty by energetic play. Goldstein, after hazardously winning a Pawn from Miss Menchik, had his work cut out to save the game. Bolland had little difficulty in winning against Packer.

In the evening Alekhine gave a most successful display of the art of simultaneous chess. He contested 28 games, and made the magnificent score of 27 wins and 1 draw (against P. C. Littlejohn). In addition, he conducted two games *sans voir* at the same time against two players from the Major Tournament, drawing with V. Buerger and defeating Captain P. D. Bolland. Both of these games were hard-fought battles running into 60 moves. The whole *séance* lasted $5\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

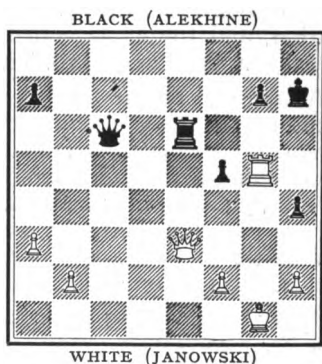
EIGHTH ROUND, January 4th.

	Opening.	Result
Norman v. Sergeant	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Norman won.
Seitz v. Wahl Tuch	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	*Seitz won.
Colle v. Vidmar	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Vidmar won.
Michell v. Yates	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Yates won.
Janowski v. Alekhine	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Alekhine won.

Sergeant made an early blunder due to clock trouble, and resigned on the 18th move. Vidmar won a piece near the adjournment, whereupon Colle gave up. Michell and Yates had a hard fight. The former made an unsound combination involving the sacrifice of a piece, but securing three Pawns for the piece he made it difficult for Yates, Wahl Tuch, faced with the loss of the Exchange, decided instead to give up his Queen for Rook and Bishop, but he did not long survive the adjournment.

Janowski's game was the most interesting of the round. A Rook and all four minor pieces were exchanged very early, and the onlookers were prepared for a draw. But Janowski had a slight weakness on his King-side, his King's Knight's Pawn having gone, and Alekhine exploited this in most instructive style. Shortly before the adjournment the following position was reached :—

White, in answer to his opponent's last move, R—K 3, played 1 Q—Q B 3 and Alekhine replied 1. ., Q×Q; 2 P×Q, P—Kt 3!—a quiet move of deadly potency which leaves White nothing better than 3 K—B 1; for if 3 R—Kt 2, R—K 8 mate. The continuation was 3. ., R—Q B 3; 4 R—Kt 1, R×P; 5 K—K 2, R×P, and White's game is hopeless.



Miss Menchik had a drawn Bishop and Pawns end-game in the Major against Teller, but overlooked a resource of her opponent which led to the win of a Pawn and the game. Stephenson had a little good fortune against Morrison, who was a Pawn ahead with two Rooks and Bishop against two Rooks and Knight, but fell into a mate. Bolland still had a chance to tie for first place with Teller by winning his last two games, but he lost to Goldstein in a difficult struggle. Jesty fell out of the running for third prize by losing to Packer. Holmes, against Buerger, made a sound sacrifice of a piece for three Pawns, and obtained some terrible passed Pawns far advanced on the Queen-side. Although he gave up his Queen for a Bishop under a misapprehension, his game was still so strong that Buerger had nothing better than to take a draw by perpetual check.

NINTH AND FINAL ROUND, January 5th.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Sergeant v. Alekhine ..	<i>Alekhine's Defence</i>	Alekhine won.
Wahlutuch v. Norman ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Wahlutuch won.
Vidmar v. Seitz	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	Vidmar won.
Yates v. Colle	<i>Alekhine's Defence</i>	Yates won.
Janowski v. Michell ..	<i>Four Knights Game</i>	Michell won.

Sergeant, by sound play, obtained rather an advantage against Alekhine, having a well-posted Knight on his Q 6, but weakened and then, by a sheer blunder, allowed Alekhine's Rook to attack a Queen and a Knight simultaneously, costing the Knight. This made Alekhine certain of at least dividing first place.

Yates then accounted for Colle, showing a flash of his real form in an artistic sacrificial finish, which has been annotated by Mr. Blake for the Games Section.

Wahlutuch defeated Norman, who made him a present of two whole moves in the opening. Declining to indulge in a sacrificial line suggested by Yates, he contented himself with winning by positional play pure and simple, and thus escaped the indignity of being wooden-spoonist.

The games Vidmar v. Seitz and Janowski v. Michell were still proceeding after more than five hours' play. Seitz played the Meran variation and obtained an even position in the early middle-game, but Vidmar played up strongly and wound up the game with another pretty finish, which enabled him to divide first place with Alekhine with the splendid score of $8\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 9. The game is given in full elsewhere.

Janowski at first appeared to have whatever advantage there was in his game, but the strain of a long drawn-out game appeared to tell upon him, and Michell, playing soundly, finally gained the day, and thus at the twelfth hour enabled a British representative to share in the prize list.

Teller had already won First Prize, and Stephenson (who had played Miss Menchik in advance and had drawn an end-game in which he at one time had Rook and three Pawns against Rook and Pawn) was certain of at least sharing second prize. If Bolland won he could make 6 points, thus tying with Stephenson; if he drew he would make $5\frac{1}{2}$ points; and Buerger, by winning his last game, could also make this total, and thus tie for third prize. If Bolland lost, Buerger had a chance of third place by either a win or draw; and Goldstein also came into the picture, as he could make 5 points.

First Goldstein, with considerable assistance from his opponent, succeeded in mating Packer; and then Jesty defeated Buerger, who, when short of time, had missed an opportunity to break up Jesty's position by a Pawn sacrifice. Teller, trying hard to win, was left with the inferior position, and had to take refuge in a draw by repetition of moves, so Bolland secured undivided third prize.

The Premier Tournament resulted more or less as expected. Alekhine, playing against an opposition which was not of first-class master strength, found many opportunities to demonstrate his

ingenuity in engineering attacks, and his great talent in combinational play commanded the unstinted admiration of the large circle of spectators. No one could cavil at the style in which he accounted for his opponents, and he once again showed his wide knowledge of the Queen's Pawn Game, in the theory of which he is one of the world's leading authorities.

Dr. Milan Vidmar, although handicapped by a severe cold, lived up to his reputation as the strongest amateur in the world. Unlike most amateurs, he appears able to keep up his form without much master-practice. This is probably due to his very sound style, although many of the players in this tournament can testify to his skill as a brilliant attacking player of the old classical school, when given a favourable opportunity. It is rather unfortunate that his duties as Professor of Electrical Technology in the University of Ljubljana, Yugo-Slavia, preclude more frequent appearances in the international chess arena.

Michell played some good games, and defeated three of the foreign contingent. At the half-way stage he was fast on the steps of the two winners, but he fell away afterwards. He frequently ran short of time, although the rate was 17 moves an hour in the Premier Tournament. Seitz once more demonstrated his pertinacity in difficult positions, and proved a hard man to beat. Colle hardly lived up to his reputation, and frequently appeared to slacken after securing a good game in the opening. Yates, in this tournament, as at Moscow, suffered from a surfeit of adjourned games. Nevertheless he put up a very hard fight against both Alekhine and Vidmar, and had a pretty win against Colle in the last round. Janowski was handicapped by indifferent health and *Anno Domini*. He frequently obtained good positions and then weakened through lack of concentration; and he should have lost fewer games than he did. His play was as interesting and attractive to watch as ever. Norman put up a plucky fight, and played some hard games. Wahltsch found his lack of serious practice too great a handicap, and he was just commencing to play well at the end of the tournament. Sergeant played much below his real strength. He should have drawn with both Vidmar and Alekhine, but blunders played too great a part in his games.

PREMIER TOURNAMENT.

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1 A. Alekhine	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	} I-II ex aeq.
2 Dr. M. Vidmar	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3 R. P. Michell	0	0	—	I	I	0	I	I	0	I	5	} III-IV ex aeq.
4 Dr. A. Seitz	0	0	0	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
5 E. Colle	0	0	0	0	—	0	I	I	I	I	4	
6 F. D. Yates	0	0	I	0	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	
7 D. Janowski	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	3	
8 G. M. Norman	0	0	0	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 V. L. Wahltsch	0	0	I	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 E. G. Sergeant	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	—	2	

In the Major Open, the Czecho-Slovakian, Alfred Teller, won very easily in the end. He has only once previously competed in an open tournament, namely, in the Czech National Championship at Pressburg last year, in which he divided third prize behind Reti and Enkel. He has a wide theoretical knowledge of the game and outplayed the greater number of his opponents in the end-game. He made himself very popular at Hastings, not the least on account of his pleasing sense of humour; and he pleads guilty to the heinous crime of inoculating his fellow-citizens of Brünn with the virus of Bridge.

The local player, Stephenson, who won second prize, played some enterprising attacks. He ought not to have won against Buerger, Goldstein and Morrison, but as an offset he drew an easily-won game against Miss Menchik. Bolland gained good wins against Buerger and Jesty, both of whom he defeated in the same day; and once he has gained an advantage does not readily relinquish it. Goldstein and Jesty were rather too prone to blunders. Buerger, in the first half of the tournament, played excellent chess, but only scored half a point out of his last three games. His game with Teller is of some theoretical importance, and is given here.

GAME NO. 5,618.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE V. BUERGER	BLACK A. TELLER
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—Q B 3
3 Kt—K B 3	3 Kt—B 3
4 Kt—B 3	4 P—K 3
5 P—K 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2
6 B—Q 3	6 P×P
7 B×P	7 P—Q Kt 4
8 B—Q 3	8 P—Q R 3
.....The Meran variation.	
See <i>B.C.M.</i> , July, 1925, p. 311.	
9 P—K 4	9 P—Q B 4
10 P—K 5	10 P×P
11 Kt×Kt P!	11 Kt×P!
.....Probably the best reply.	
12 Kt×Kt	12 P×Kt
13 B×P ch	13 B—Q 2
14 B×B ch	14 Kt×B
15 Kt—Q 3!	

A new move in this position. After the usual 15 Kt×Kt, Q×Kt Black's centre Pawns advance at an alarming rate, and fully counterbalance White's Queen-side advantage.

16 Castles	15 B—K 2
	16 Castles

17 P—Q Kt 4	17 Kt—Kt 3
18 P—Q R 4	18 Q—Q 4!
19 P—R 5?	

A mistake under time-pressure;
19 P—Kt 5 was much stronger.

20 R—Q Kt 1	19 P—K 4
21 R—K 1	20 Kt—B 5!
22 Q—K 2	21 Q—Kt 4
23 P—R 3	22 K R—K 1
	23 R×P

.....Black has strengthened his position move by move; but the win of the Pawn in the text leads only to a drawn end-game. 23.., 'P—B 4 would have given him good winning chances, for 24 Kt×P? B—B 3 +.

24 Kt×P	24 B×P
25 B—B 4!	25 Q—B 4
26 Q×Kt	26 Q×Q
27 Kt×Q	27 R×R ch
28 R×R	28 B×R
29 Kt×R	29 B×Kt
30 K—B 2	30 P—B 3

.....This ending is not to be won, as Black's passed Pawn cannot be advanced.

31 K—K 2	31 K—B 2	39 P×P	39 K—K 4
32 K—Q 3	32 B—Kt 3	40 B—Q 2	40 B—B 4
33 K—K 4	33 K—K 3	41 B—R 6	41 B—K 2
34 P—Kt 4	34 P—Kt 3	42 B—B 1	42 B—R 5
35 P—R 3	35 P—B 4 ch	43 B—Kt 2	43 B—B 7
36 K—Q 3	36 P—R 4	44 B—B 1	44 B—Kt 8
37 B—R 6	37 R P×P	45 B—Kt 2	Drawn
38 R P×P	38 P×P		

The play of Miss Menchik aroused general interest, and she was certainly not outclassed in this tournament, nor outplayed by any of her opponents. Coached in the sound style inculcated by Maróczy, she plays the modern close openings with a real appreciation of their intricacies, and she appears to be in a class by herself as a lady player in England. With more practice and tournament experience she should greatly increase in strength. It will be observed that she drew with four of the first five players, and she had an easily-drawn end-game against Teller, but made a slip. Against Jesty and Packer she had no disadvantage in the middle-game, but grew careless. Holmes, after a depressing start, played some fine attacks; Morrison and Packer played below their real strength.

MAJOR TOURNAMENT.

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.
1 A. Teller	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ I
2 H. J. Stephenson ..	0	—	I	I	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	6 II
3 Capt. P. D. Bolland ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ III
4 M. E. Goldstein ..	0	0	I	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	5
5 V. Buerger ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	—	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 E. T. Jesty ..	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	0	I	I	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
7 N. B. Holmes ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	0	0	I	3
8 Miss V. Menchik ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	—	0	0	3
9 J. H. Morrison ..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	I	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	3
10 G. F. H. Packer ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	I	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	3

In the Major Reserves Lean and Littlejohn led throughout, and met in the last round with equal scores. An exciting game was anticipated, but Littlejohn, knowing Lean's predilections for the attack, successfully foiled all his opponent's ambitions in this direction, and came out a Pawn ahead in a Queen and Rook ending. The game continued until both sides had only a King left, and was then reluctantly abandoned as a draw, so that they shared first and second prizes. Littlejohn had the distinction of being the only undefeated player in his tournament; and Lean played some fierce attacks.

Cohn should have done better, but we suspect that he underrated the opposition. Had Macalister won his game in the last round against King, he would have tied with Cohn for third prize. Miss Price and O'Hanlon were out of form; we are sure that the latter did less than justice to his powers in this tournament.

MAJOR RESERVES.

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	
1 R. E. Lean	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	I	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	} I-II ex aeq. III
2 P. C. Littlejohn	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3 H. Cohn	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	O	I	I	I	O	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4 W. H. King	I	O	O	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 J. Macalister	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	—	I	O	I	I	O	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6 Miss Price	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	I	I	I	I	4	
7 A. D. Barlow	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
8 J. J. O'Hanlon	O	O	O	O	O	O	I	—	I	I	3	
9 S. G. Howell-Smith	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	O	O	O	O	—	I	3	
10 P. A. Ursell	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	I	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	—	3	

In First Class "A," Puckridge led off with 5 wins, but was unable to win another game. Dickinson had some good fortune in his penultimate game against Miss Musgrave, who missed a mate in three. Had she won, she would have tied with Puckridge and Dickinson for first place with 6 points.

FIRST CLASS "A."

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	
1 Capt. A. E. Dickinson	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	7	I
2 E. B. Puckridge	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	6	II
3 H. W. Wickham Hore	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	III
4 Miss Musgrave	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	I	5	
5 S. Meymott	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	O	O	I	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6 J. H. Wise	O	O	I	I	I	—	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7 S. P. Lees	I	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	
8 F. Wilkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	4	
9 G. W. Powell	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	I	3	
10 Hon. F. G. H.-Russell ..	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

In First Class "B," two youthful players in Winsor and Wechsler divided first and second prizes without loss of a game. They met in the last round but one, and Wechsler, who had emerged from the opening with an indifferent game, extricated himself from his difficulties by ingenious play.

FIRST CLASS "B."

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	
1 J. H. Wechsler	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	} I-II ex aeq. III
2 W. A. Winsor	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3 L. Illingworth	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	I	I	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	
4 R. H. Blomfield	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 G. K. Nuttall	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	5	
6 Mrs. Michell	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	I	I	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7 Prof. R. W. Genese ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	O	I	I	3	
8 Maj. E. Montague Jones	O	O	O	O	O	O	I	—	I	O	2	
9 Bryan Gipps	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	O	O	O	—	I	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 W. L. Wakefield	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	O	I	O	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Taylor and Watson divided the two first prizes in First Class Reserves, both losing their last-round games.

FIRST-CLASS RESERVES.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	
1 C. H. Taylor	—	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	6	} I-II ex aeq. III
2 W. H. Watson	1	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	6	
3 Miss E. Abraham ..	0	1	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4 E. Atkinson	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	1	1	5	
5 Mrs. Sollas	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
6 F. A. Riley	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	
7 S. F. Halliday	0	0	0	1	1	1	—	1	0	0	4	
8 H. S. Shelton	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	—	1	1	4	
9 W. Stevens	1	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	
10 A. H. Reeve	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	

We have not the space to give the full tables of the Second and Third Class Sections in the present number, but hope to be able to do so in the March number.

A gratifying feature was the success of several very youthful competitors who have been coached at the local club, in the second and third class tournaments. The form displayed by some of these boys holds out hopes of a very promising future for them in the chess world.

On the last day there was no adjournment for lunch, and all unfinished games were concluded by 3 p.m.

After a vote of thanks to the Town Council and to the Mayor of Hastings had been carried with applause, Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell presented the prizes.

A vote of thanks to the Press was carried with acclamation, and E. S. Tinsley (*The Times*) and I. Gunsberg (*Daily Telegraph*) made suitable acknowledgment.

V. L. Wahltuch proposed a vote of thanks to the hard-working Congress officials for the efficiency and tact with which they had conducted the most successful Hastings Christmas Congress yet held; singling out Allan F. Kidney, E. A. Lewcock and H. E. Dobell for special mention. Capt. P. D. Bolland seconded with a few felicitous words, remarking that after the Christmas Turkey and Plum Pudding the recognised Dessert for chessplayers was the Hastings Christmas Congress.

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A VERY IMPORTANT PROPOSAL.

At a meeting of Yorkshire County Chess Association held at Leeds on December 5th with I. M. Brown in the Chair, a proposal put forward by the officials of the Northern Counties Chess Union held in Huddersfield on September 19th, 1925, was considered. This proposal was that to provide the funds necessary for the N.C.C.U. annual financial obligations and working expenses, Yorkshire and Lancashire should each guarantee an annual contribution of £16 and Cheshire £8, making a total of £40.

Out of this amount the N.C.C.U. would have to pay £10 10s., its yearly subscription to the British Chess Association, and a further sum of £15 per annum to the National Congress of the B.C.F. After a full discussion the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

A. That the Yorkshire County Chess Association does not approve of contributing any annual fixed sum to the funds of the Northern Counties Chess Union other than the Annual Membership Subscription, but has no objection whatever to the N.C.C.U. officials appealing to Yorkshire chessplayers for financial support as heretofore, and is willing to endorse the appeal of the N.C.C.U. officials.

B. That there be recorded in the Minute Book of the Yorkshire County Chess Association the fact that the Association was not represented at the meeting of the Northern Counties Chess Union at which it was decided to advocate and support the British Chess Federation Congress Finance Scheme set forth on page 9 of the B.C.F. Year Book, 1924, and regrets that the N.C.C.U. meeting was held on the same date as the annual meeting of the Yorkshire County Chess Association, which is held on a fixed date—last Saturday in April—as the clashing of dates prevented the Yorkshire delegates being present at the N.C.C.U. meeting to discuss the scheme referred to.

Mr. Brown said that in his opinion Yorkshire must support the action of the N.C.C.U., although the method of procedure did not meet with his approval. The contributing of £15 annually to the B.C.F. Congress fund was a national matter and not a domestic one ; therefore, the question should be dealt with in a broadminded spirit, and he moved that—

The Executive Committee of the Yorkshire County Chess Association recommends to the Executive of the Northern Counties Chess Union that a fund be opened for the purpose of raising the sum of £350, the interest on which will provide the annual payment of £15 for National Chess Congress purposes.

That of the sum of £350 Cheshire be asked to contribute £100, Lancashire £125, and Yorkshire £125, and that if this recommendation is adopted by the respective counties named, the Yorkshire County Chess Association will guarantee to contribute its quota of £125.

That in the event of the £350 being raised, this sum shall be handed over to the British Chess Federation to invest, and the B.C.F. shall give the Northern Counties Chess Union a full discharge from the annual payment of £15 for the National Congress purposes.

The resolution met with warm approval and was carried unanimously. If the proposal be adopted and carried to successful issue the officials of the N.C.C.U. will be relieved of all responsibility of the payment of fifteen pounds annually, and incidentally its contribution of £100 during the year the congress is held in the Northern area will be reduced to £85. Also the N.C.C.U. officials will only have to provide its own working expenses and its membership

fee of £10 10s. to the Federation, and this can be done quite easily without great expenditure of time or special effort.

The other constituent Unions of the Federation will be interested in the result of this bold and statesmanlike proposal, and will probably hold meetings to see if similar action cannot be taken. The master card of the scheme is Yorkshire's offer to guarantee their own quota. When a man backs his opinions with his pocket, one may be sure he is in earnest!

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE LATE AMOS BURN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—In this rather remote spot the news has only just reached me of the death of Mr. Amos Burn, and I should like to be permitted to add a humble tribute to the memory of a great chess master and a great gentleman, whom I am proud to have been able to call a personal friend for a number of years of his later life. When I parted with him at the end of October, then apparently in good health and certainly in good spirits, I had not the slightest expectation of never seeing him again; and his cutting off from our midst has come as a great shock.

What Burn has done for British chess is indeed difficult to estimate at its full worth. His mastery of the game it is superfluous to praise. In addition he always upheld the honour of his country in far more aspects than those which merely concerned chess. He was outspoken in defence of right and in condemnation of wrong. "Mr. Burn," I said to him once, "you have a reputation for strong likes and dislikes." "Is that what they say of me?" he answered, with his quiet smile; and no more.

I hope that the idea may be entertained of a Burn Memorial, in some suitable form, which others will be more competent to suggest than I. All I can do is to promise to subscribe.

Yours, etc.,

THE GUEST HOUSE,
BARODA, INDIA,

PHILIP W. SERGEANT.

December 17th, 1925.

OLD SUBSCRIBERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Sir,—In enclosing my fortieth successive annual subscription, I claim to have exceeded the record of Mr. Whiting referred to in this month's issue of the *B.C.M.*, my first payment having been made in December, 1886.

Surely there are others who exceed even my record, as upon reference to the earliest number that I have, that of November, 1886, I find the familiar names of Mr. Leonard P. Rees mentioned as winning a game in a simultaneous exhibition given by the late Herr Zukertort; Mr. Herbert Jacobs drawing a game in a tourney held in connection with the Surrey County Association, and the complete score of a game by Mr. J. H. Blake.

In this month's issue there is a correspondence game won by Mr. J. D. Chambers who is mentioned in the November, 1886, magazine as having taken part, and being a prize winner, in two tourneys held under the auspices of the Irish Chess Association in Belfast, in which Messrs. Blackburn, Burn and Pollock also competed. Mr. Chambers is still with us, but I regret to say, feeling the weight of years.

Wishing the continued success the *B.C.M.* so well merits,
I remain, Yours faithfully,
WM. D. WIGHT

(President of the South Wales Chess Association).

"Falconhyrst," Penarth, Glam.

January 18th, 1926.

REVIEWS.

Das Entfesselte Schach. An unsystematic text-book of middle-game strategy, and at the same time a collection and elucidation of the games played in the Géza Maróczy Jubilee Tournament at Debreczin, 1925. By Dr. S. G. Tartakover. Published by Magyar Sakkillag. To be obtained from B. Kagan, Berlin, W.8, Behrenstrasse 24. Price 6 M. 192 pp.

This book is the authorised account of the Debreczin tournament of August, 1925, won by the young Viennese expert, Hans Kmoch, and contains a full description, together with a round by round commentary on the play; and an introductory chapter, extending to 22 pp., dealing with the theoretical importance of the openings adopted at Debreczin. It will be recollected that among the competitors were numbered players of such diverse styles as P. Johner, Tartakover, Grünfeld, Przepiorka, Seitz, Asztalos, and the openings selected by these experts bear witness to the silent revolution in chess theory going on everywhere.

The book is dedicated more especially to the strategy of the middle-game, each of the 91 games of the master tournament being taken as a subject for admonitory and explanatory remarks. If we add that the annotations and humorous "asides" are in Dr. Tartakover's best vein, no further praise seems called for.

In addition, a dozen games played in the lower tournaments—in one of which the brilliant Lett, F. Apscheneek, competed—and full tables of the results of these tournaments, complete a book which every player desiring to increase his playing strength should possess. It is printed on very good paper, the diagrams are clear and the notation introduced in the Győr tournament book of 1924 is again made use of—the symbols for the pieces being those actually used in chess diagrams, thus the move Q—Q 5 would read ♕ d 5.

Brillante Kombinationen. By J. M. Ovadia. vi. + 48 pp. To be obtained from Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton Kent & Co., Ltd. G.P.O. Box 77, 4 Stationers' Hall Court, London, E.C.4. Price 1/-.

This little book, published in Belgrade simultaneously in Serbian and German, gives 96 diagrams of positions in which one side or the other can either mate or obtain an overwhelming advantage within five moves or less. Many of the positions are familiar, but some appear new to us. One defect of the book is that, although the names of the players are given, it is not shown from which tournament the position is taken; and another and more glaring omission is that it is not stated whether White or Black is to move. We also think that it would be better to give the solutions together at the end of the book, rather than on the same page as the diagram, which opens temptation to the indolent reader to "solve" the position from the solution.

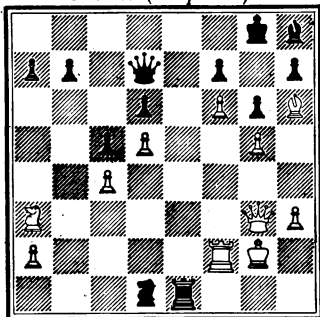
CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS.

(Continued from page 19)

The Solutions of the Competition Problems Nos. 1 and 2 are as follows. No. 1 was continued 26... R—Q 4; 27 Q×P ch, K—Q 1; 28 B—Kt 5 ch, R×B; 29 R—B 8 ch, K—K 2; 30 Q×B ch, R—Q 2; 31 R—B 7 ch, K×R; 32 Q×R ch, K—Kt 3; 33 Q—K 8 ch, K—R 2; 34 R—Kt 7 ch, R—Kt 2; 35 R×R ch, K×R; 36 Q—K 7 ch, K—R 1; 37 Q—B 8 ch, K—R 2; 38 Q—B 3, Resigns; and it does not appear there is any better line for Black. No. 2 was continued 41... P—B 3; 42 P—B 5, P×P; 43 P×P, Kt—Kt 2; 44 B—Kt 4, P—Kt 4; 45 B—R 3, P—Kt 5; 46 K—B 4, P—Kt 6; 47 K×P, K×P; 48 B—Kt 2 ch, K—Q 4; 49 K—B 4, Kt×P; 50 Resigns; but White should have drawn in this variation. There is a win for Black by 41... Kt—Kt 2. I shall deal further with these positions after I have been through the solutions, but I am very disappointed with the numbers received so far. Here are Numbers 3 and 4.

COMPETITION PROBLEM NO. 3. White had to make his 29th move in the following position.

BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

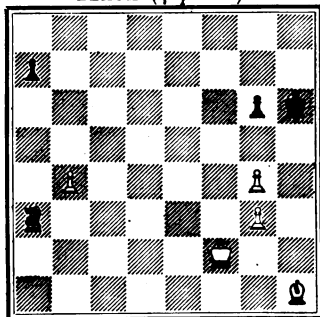
White to play.

Black's last move was 28... Kt (Kt 7)—Q 8.

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result.

COMPETITION PROBLEM NO. 4. After Black's 34... Kt×R P, the following position remained.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)

White to play.

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result.

The solutions should be sent not later than the end of March to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, and marked on envelope "Special Competition." Solutions will appear in the April number.

The solutions of the Junior Problems on page 19 are: 19. The Pawn at Q R 1 should be White Rook. From a game on board 1 in the league match between Wood Green and Hampstead Black declared mate in 6 by 1... Q—R 7 ch; 2 K—Kt 4 P—R 4 ch; 3 K—B 5, Q—R 6 ch; 4 P—Kt 4, P—Kt 3 ch; 5 K×B, Q—R 5 ch; 6 P—Kt 5, Q×B P mate, but 1... P—K R 4; 2 Q—K 8 ch, R×Q; leads to mate in four, or 2 Q—R 8 ch, K—R 2: 3 Q—R 8 ch, K×Q

equally leads to mate next move. **20.** White wins by 1 P—B 5, K—B 1; 2 K—Kt 6, K—Kt 1; 3 P—B 6, K—R 1; 4 K—B 7 and wins. If 1... P—Kt 3; 2 P—B 6!

Seniors 19. On Board 2 of the same match, referred to above; White won by 1 R×Kt, Q×B; 2 R×R P ch, P×R; 3 Q×P ch, Q—R 2; 4 Q—B 6 ch, Q—Kt 2; 5 Q×Q mate. **20.** Rook and Bishop against Rook is, with the fifty-move limit, a draw, except in special positions. In 1749 Philidor argued that in the position given, with White to move, White has a won game, which is right, but he further stated that all positions could be brought into it, which is wrong. The win is as follows: 1 R—B 8 ch (If 1 B—Q 6, R—K 2 ch draws), R—Q 1; 2 R—B 7 (threatening R—K R 7), R—Q 7; 3 R—Q Kt 7, R—Q 8 (or 6); 4 R—K Kt 7, R—K B 8; 5 B—Kt 3, K—B 1; 6 R—Kt 4, K—K 1; 7 R—Q B 4, R—Q 8; 8 B—R 4, K—B 1; 9 B—B 6, R—K 8 ch; 10 B—K 5, K—Kt 1; 11 R—K R 4 and wins. If 7... K—B 1; 8 B—K 5, K—Kt 1; 9 R—K R 4. If 5... R—B 6 (This somewhat delays the win); 6 B—Q 6, R—K 6 ch; 7 B—K 5, R—K B 6 (If 7... K—B 1; 8 R—K R 7 is fatal); 8 R—K 7, K—B 1 (K—Q 1; 9 R—Q Kt 7); 9 R—Q B 7, K—Kt 1; 10 R—K Kt 7 ch, K—B 1; 11 R—K Kt 4, K—K 1; 12 B—B 4, K—B 1; 13 B—Q 6 ch and wins. If 4... K—B 1; 5 R—Kt 4, R—K 8 (to stop check at Q 6); 6 R—Q R 4, K—Kt 1; 7 R—K R 4 and wins. If 2... R—R 1; 3 R—K R 7. R—R 3 ch; 4 B—Q 6. If 2... K—B 1; 3 R—K R 7, R—K 1 ch; 4 K—B 6 (a key square), K—Kt 1; 5 R—K R 3, R—Q 1; 6 K—Kt 6, K—B 1; 7 R—R 8 ch, K—K 2; 8 B—B 6 ch and wins the Rook. It will be seen that the White Rook may mate on either side, giving the Black King five squares along the rank. The Black Rook must be prepared for placement adjoining the King, when checked by the White Rook, but the White Bishop can stop this manoeuvre.

Senior Problem No. 18 is solved as follows. It is from an Arabian MS. in the British Museum (No. 7515), and is a capital study of the various ways of winning when the Knight can be driven away from his King. Black plays 1... Kt—R 4 ch; 2 K—Kt 5, Kt—Kt 2; 3 R—K B 8!, Kt—Q 3 ch; 4 K—B 6, Kt—B 5; 5 R—Q 8!, Kt—R 4 ch; 6 K—Kt 5, Kt—Kt 2; 7 R—Q 7, K—Kt 1; 8 K—Kt 6, K—R 1; 9 R—K R 7 and wins. If 6... Kt—Kt 6; 7 R—Q 1. If 5... Kt—K 4 ch; 6 K—B 5, K—Kt 2; 7 R—Q 5, Kt—Kt 3; 8 K—Q 6, Kt—B 5; 9 R—Q 2, K—Kt 3; 10 K—K 5, Kt—Kt 3 ch; 11 K—B 6, Kt—B 5; 12 K—B 5 and the Knight is lost. If 5... Kt—Kt 3; 6 R—Q 4, Kt—B 1; 7 K—B 7, Kt—Kt 3; 8 R—Q 1, Kt—R 1 ch; 9 K—B 6, K—Kt 1; 10 R—K R 1, K—R 2; 11 R—Q Kt 1. If 5... Kt—K 6; 6 R—Q 7 ch, K—R 3; 7 R—Q 3, Kt—B 5; 8 K—B 5, Kt—R 4; 9 R—Q R 3. If 5... Kt—R 6; 6 R—Q 4, Kt—B 2; 7 R—K 4. If 4... Kt—K 5; 5 R—B 7 ch, K—Kt 1; 6 R—Q Kt 7 ch, K—R 1; 7 R—Kt 4, Kt—B 3; 8 R—K B 4, Kt—R 4; 9 R—B 5, Kt—Kt 6; 10 R—B 3, Kt—K 5 11 K—Kt 6 or B 7 and wins. If 4... Kt—Kt 2; 5 R—B 7 K—R 1; 6 K—Kt 6. If 3 R—R 7, K—Kt 1; 4 K—Kt 6, Kt—Q 1 and White cannot win. If 2... Kt—Kt 6; 3 R—Q 8 and the Knight is trapped

for if 3... Kt—B 8 or R 8; 4 R—Q 2, Kt—Kt 6; 5 R—Q 1.

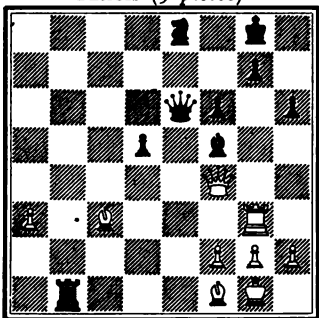
I have gone into Seniors 18 and 20 at some length, because both positions are sort of key lines to these particular problems, and they should be studied carefully if solvers wish to master similar positions.

Because of the Christmas Congresses, and the large run on our pages, I am obliged to omit my usual remarks on solutions of Nos. 17 and 18 and the "Ladders"; but shall hope to give these, with those on problems 19 and 20, next month.

JUNIOR PROBLEMS.

Problem No. 21.

BLACK (9 pieces)



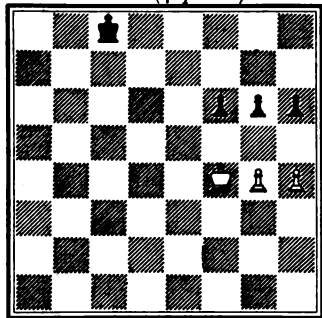
WHITE (9 pieces)

White to play.

How should he continue?

Problem No. 22.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

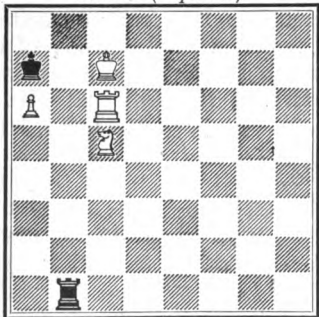
White to play.

What result and how?

SENIOR PROBLEMS.

Problem No. 21.

BLACK (2 pieces)



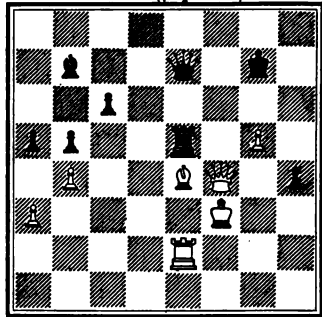
WHITE (4 pieces)

White to play.

This position was adjudicated a draw. Is this correct? If not, give the winning line.

Problem No. 22.

BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Black to play.

Black claimed a win, White a draw, on adjudication. Which do you consider was right, and why?

Solutions to be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by February 28th, 1926.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Middlesex v. Sussex.—On Saturday, January 16th, a team of fifty from Middlesex went down to Brighton to play their S.C.C.U. match of twenty a-side, and their contest for the Amboyna Shield, of fifty a-side. Both sides were well represented, the few strong absentees on both sides being deterred by the inclement weather.

The match for the S.C.C.U. Championship was, as will be seen, very close. The two champions drew on the first board, but Norman, of Hastings, got the better of Siegheim on board 2. On board 3 H. Saunders brought off a good win against Drewitt. W. Willett as substitute for H. J. Stephenson made a good fight with Du Mont. Buerger missed his chance and lost a game he should have won. The game on board 6 was a very well-fought contest, Mercer winning on adjudication. The game on board 15 was agreed by the captains. In the end Middlesex won the match for the Championship, and also the contest on fifty boards. The full score of the match after adjudication is as follows:—

MIDDLESEX.				SUSSEX.			
1 M. E. Goldstein	..	..	..	1 G. F. H. Packer	..	..	..
2 B. E. Siegheim	..	..	..	2 G. M. Norman	..	..	..
3 H. Saunders	..	..	..	3 J. A. J. Drewitt	..	..	..
4 J. Du Mont	..	..	..	4 W. Willett	..	..	..
5 V. Buerger	..	..	..	5 E. M. Jackson	..	..	..
6 A. E. Mercer	..	..	..	6 Rev. E. Griffiths	..	..	..
7 R. C. Griffith	..	..	..	7 J. Storr Best	..	..	..
8 E. Busvine	..	..	..	8 H. E. Dobell	..	..	..
9 W. H. Regan	..	..	..	9 J. H. Jones	..	..	..
10 J. H. Morrison	..	..	..	10 R. E. Lean	..	..	..
11 R. F. Goldstein	..	..	..	11 Dr. R. Dunstan	..	..	..
12 W. E. Bonwick	..	..	..	12 W. Bridger	..	..	..
13 W. H. Watts	..	..	..	13 H. L. Crawford	..	..	..
14 F. Dark	..	..	..	14 W. R. Andrews	..	..	..
15 Dr. Duncan	..	..	..	15 C. F. Chapman	..	..	..
16 S. P. J. Merlin	..	..	..	16 E. G. Reed	..	..	..
17 R. Eastman	..	..	..	17 G. V. Butler	..	..	..
18 E. Billen	..	..	..	18 Castle Leaver	..	..	..
19 A. G. Kershaw	..	..	..	19 Dr. W. M. Varley	..	..	..
20 J. Morling	..	..	..	20 H. W. Butler	..	..	..
Championship Scores							
21 G. P. Kitchener	..	..	..	21 R. H. Brown	..	..	..
22 H. Meek	..	..	..	22 G. D. Self	..	..	..
23 A. M. Ewbank	..	..	..	23 J. Chandler	..	..	..
24 J. A. Miles	..	..	..	24 E. E. Stockens	..	..	..
25 K. G. Jayne	..	..	..	25 E. Thompson	..	..	..
26 C. E. Ford	..	..	..	26 Capt. Green	..	..	..
27 H. Ford	..	..	..	27 T. Hamilton Miller	..	..	..
28 F. W. Viney	..	..	..	28 J. P. Ingram	..	..	..
29 L. Klein	..	..	..	29 E. A. Lewcock	..	..	..
30 E. M. Jellie	..	..	..	30 C. E. Bowyer	..	..	..
31 A. de Silva	..	..	..	31 V. S. Wade	..	..	..
32 F. Hooper	..	..	..	32 W. Beattie	..	..	..
33 D. Mackay	..	..	..	33 P. J. Penney	..	..	..
34 C. R. Witham	..	..	..	34 D. H. Caw	..	..	..

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MIDDLESEX v. SUSSEX—*continued*.

35	J. Strachstein	I	A. T. Watson	0
36	W. S. Wallis	I	E. R. Willett	0
37	A. A. Kennedy	I	G. Gillam	0
38	N. M. Bach	0	A. E. Smith	I
39	G. Devine	I	W. E. Hollingdale	0
40	G. W. Yonge	I	G. E. Smith	0
41	M. Savage	0	Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell	I
42	W. Eldridge	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. T. Grover	$\frac{1}{2}$
43	E. V. Strugnell	† I	S. Hunt	† 0
44	R. C. Pritchard	I	Miss Musgrave	0
45	W. O. Hall	0	F. Salaman	I
46	G. B. Quennell	I	L. B. Hunt	0
47	M. de Silva	I	F. Brook	0
48	H. E. Elliott	0	W. G. Perrin	I
49	J. C. A. Eastman	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. Wells	$\frac{1}{2}$
50	Rev. P. Stanley	0	J. White	I
Amboyna Shield Scores		3 I		19

* Adjudicated.

† Agreed by Captains.

The teams were entertained to tea by the Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell, the president of the Sussex Chess Association. He was himself the first to record a win for Sussex.

Midland Counties Championship.—The match Warwickshire v. Leicestershire was played at the Midland Institute, Birmingham, on Saturday, November 28th, but one of the five games adjudicated (by Mr. H. E. Price) was hung up for a considerable time owing to an erroneous diagram. Leicestershire usually play a very close match with Warwickshire, but this time they were rather badly beaten. Warwickshire, play Oxfordshire (16-20 a-side) at Oxford on February 6th. Score:—

WARWICKSHIRE.			LEICESTERSHIRE.		
1	A. J. Mackenzie	* I	V. H. Lovell	0	
2	F. H. Terrill	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. G. Wright	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	W. F. Kallaway	* $\frac{1}{2}$	T. H. Bumpus	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	A. R. Chamberlain	I	A. C. Garratt	0	
5	E. B. M. Conway	I	E. H. Collier	0	
6	G. H. Edwards	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. S. Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	F. J. Roden	* $\frac{1}{2}$	C. L. Hall	* $\frac{1}{2}$	
8	F. V. Dix	* I	F. Moore	* 0	
9	C. G. Butcher	$\frac{1}{2}$	Dr. H. R. Fisher	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	R. Filkin	I	T. H. Millington	0	
11	J. W. Wilder	* I	P. E. Collier	0	
12	W. T. Bayliss	I	W. Goodman	0	
13	T. Bray	0	R. A. Wale	I	
		9 $\frac{1}{2}$			3 $\frac{1}{2}$

* Adjudicated.

The annual Report Book of Surrey Chess Association gives a great amount of information in its 48 pages. There are 19 affiliated clubs, 9 non-affiliated (what a pity—Ed. *B.C.M.*), and 644 members in all. There is £67 14s. od. cash in hands of treasurer and £118 13s. 6d.

in the Permanent Invested Fund. A complete list of matches, including the (to Surrey men) pleasing contest of October 11th, 1924, when the county defeated Yorkshire and won the English Championship. This county probably holds the record for the number of competitions, which carry with them the holding of a silver trophy. The tale of these takes us up to the mystic number seven, known respectively as the Championship, Alexander Cup, Beaumont Cup (shade of Captain A. S. Beaumont), Waechter Shield, Slater-Kennington Cup, Felce Cup (named after the popular President) and Wernick Cup. The present champion, T. H. Robertson, is the 36th of his line from 1884-5 (Herbert Jacobs). The only player who ever accomplished the hat trick was C. E. C. Tattersall (1905-6-7).

In the Hertfordshire County League the Letchworth and District Chess Club played Hertford on January 2nd at the People's House, Letchworth, the result being a win for Letchworth by $3\frac{1}{2}$ games to $2\frac{1}{2}$. The winning club had the advantage of playing at home, which enabled them to put their strongest team in the field. The combined ages of the three oldest members of the club is 264.

This makes the Letchworth record to date two wins and one loss, with two further matches to play.

The scores were as follows:—

LETCHWORTH.					HERTFORD.				
1	H. F. L. Meyer (W.)	..	..	0	F. N. Braund	..	..	..	1
2	D. L. James	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Hatton Ward	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Dr. A. Gibb	..	..	0	L. Bush	..	..	..	1
4	Captain Jacklin	..	..	1	G. H. Ramsden	..	..	..	0
5	A. Firth	..	..	1	W. L. Allen	..	..	..	0
6	St. John Ryan	..	..	1	A. Barker	..	..	..	0
$3\frac{1}{2}$					$2\frac{1}{2}$				

In addition to winning his game on the top board Mr. Braund had the honour of defeating probably the oldest match player living and Mr. Meyer is to be congratulated on his activity at such an advanced age ($86\frac{3}{4}$); he still moves faster than many young players. Mr. Meyer is best known as a first-class problem composer, and still indulges in this pastime.

Mr. Meyer supplies the following information with regard to other veteran players which is interesting: F. Schrufer, of Bamberg, died August 6th, 1909, aged $86\frac{1}{2}$. R. Sahlberg, of Stockholm, died July, 1922, aged 85 years 5 months. W. T. Pierce, England, died in May, 1922, aged 83 years 1 month. J. W. Abbott, of London, died in August, 1922, aged $83\frac{1}{2}$ years. C. Tomlinson, of London, died in November, 1897, aged $88\frac{1}{2}$ years. J. Watkinson, of Huddersfield, died in December, 1923, aged 90 years 10 months. R. Inwards, of London, will be 86 on the 22nd April next. Chess seems to be a fairly healthy game.

On Saturday, February 6th, 'Middlesex play Kent (100 a-side) at the Central Hall Westminster; and following this at 7-30 at the same Hall there is to be a Social gathering of the Middlesex Chess

Association: a reception by the President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Griffith, to be followed by a musical programme. An attempt to invite all members, as well as any other Middlesex players, has been made, but the hon. secretary, E. Busvine, 34 Albert Road, London, N.W.8, will be glad to know at once of any who would like to come, who have not received an invitation.

The second round of the Edwin Woodhouse Cup competition took place on December 19th. Leeds, weakened by the loss of their captain, J. Croysdale, who was taken ill at the last minute, lost to Sheffield by $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$, but Bradford and Huddersfield played a drawn match. Sheffield are a powerful team and seem likely to carry all before them.

SHEFFIELD.					LEEDS.				
1	C. R. Gurnhill	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Schofield	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	E. Dale	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Pollard	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	H. H. Clarke	..	..	1	F. A. Amies	..	..	..	0
5	H. D. Rockett	..	..	1	Absentee	..	..	..	0
6	J. Orange	..	..	0	H. Wortley	..	..	..	1
7	F. Ogden	..	..	1	C. Sandberg	..	..	..	0
8	J. S. Hamer	..	..	0	M. Andrew	..	..	..	1
9	J. Moore	..	..	1	W. F. Curtis	..	..	..	0
10	F. W. Whitehead	..	..	1	W. Skirrow	..	..	..	0
				6 $\frac{1}{2}$					3 $\frac{1}{2}$
BRADFORD.					HUDDERSFIELD.				
1	T. A. Staynes	..	..	0	H. E. Atkins	..	..	..	1
2	H. W. Hodgkinson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. E. Wenyon	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	H. L. Brooke	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	F. Betts	..	..	1	A. Goodwin	..	..	..	0
5	I. M. Brown	..	..	0	H. A. Cadman	..	..	..	1
6	J. R. Deacon	..	..	0	H. Greenwood	..	..	..	1
7	R. A. Simpson	..	..	1	W. Foster	..	..	..	0
8	T. Hillary	..	..	0	F. M. Bassano	..	..	..	1
9	W. Staynes	..	..	1	C. H. Hinchliffe	..	..	..	0
10	W. W. Hale	..	..	1	E. Winterbottom	..	..	..	0
				5					5

Simultaneous Chess in Sheffield.—Mr. W. H. Sparkes, the chess champion of Sheffield, gave a successful simultaneous display against the members of the Rutland Hall Club last week. He played eleven games, of which he won ten and lost one. He beat Messrs. W. H. Ashforth, T. Cookson, G. W. Snidall, A. Moore, S. Shepherd, W. Baldock, E. Clayton, C. O'Brien, R. Foster and J. Chadwick. His successful opponent was Mr. F. Gunning.

On Wednesday night Mr. C. R. Gurnhill, of Sheffield, the Yorkshire champion, gave a simultaneous display to the members of the Sheffield Works Chess League at the rooms of Hadfield's Club. He played 17 games, of which he won 15 and lost two, his successful opponents being Messrs. W. H. Memmott, of Edgar Allen's, and E. A. Bush, of Jonas & Colvers'.

Ireland.—The Gaynor Cup. The result of the competition for the Gaynor cup, in which fifteen players took part, is:—1st prize, a

Silver Medal. Won by G. Jacobs, Sackville C.C. 2nd prize, a Bronze Medal. Won by N. McClusky, Sackville C.C. The 1st prize-winner holds the Gaynor Cup for one year. The competition was held at 5 Blackhall Street, Dublin, in connection with the *Feis Colmcille*.

Ireland v. America.—Considerable progress has been made in the correspondence match pending between the Irish Chess Association and the Correspondence Chess League of America. The match commenced in August last with fourteen players a-side, most of the games have reached the 18th move, and most of the openings are on the Queen's side of the board. A second game with the same opponent being optional, some of the competitors are playing two games.

We understand that George Bell & Sons, Ltd., will bring out in April a book entitled *My Best Games*, by A. Alekhine. The period covered will be 1908—1923.

The Scottish Championships, which on this occasion were contested at Glasgow, commenced on December 31st and lasted till January 7th. We are indebted to the *Falkirk Herald* for the following account of the proceedings.

The result of the chief event was that Dr. R. C. Macdonald (Inverness) and J. A. M'Kee (Glasgow) tied for the championship with a score of 9 out of a possible 11 points. Both are well-known players and ex-champions. The doctor won in 1901 and 1904-5-6, and McKee in 1911. The tie will be played off at a date to be agreed on later. Meantime, they divide 1st and 2nd prizes, £15. Other prize-winners and scores were:—3, J. Gilchrist (Falkirk) $8\frac{1}{2}$, £3; 4, W. Gibson (Glasgow) $7\frac{1}{2}$, £2; 5, G. Page (Edinburgh) 7, £1. Table of details:—

SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l
1 McKee.. .. .	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	9
2 Dr. Macdonald	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	9
3 Gilchrist	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$
4 Gibson	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$
5 Page	0	0	0	1	—	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7
6 Borthwick	0	0	0	1	0	—	1	0	1	0	1	1	5
7 Forbes	0	0	0	0	1	0	—	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
8 McKillop	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	1	0	1	0	$4\frac{1}{2}$
9 Walsworth	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
10 J. Harris	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	—	0	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
11 McNaughton	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	3
12 McDonald	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$1\frac{1}{2}$

The Minor Tourney was won by Mr. John Macdonald (Paisley), who scored $6\frac{1}{2}$ wins, prize £3; Messrs. W. G. Coast (Edinburgh) and J. H. Anderson-Robertson (Inverness) tying for second and third prizes, £3, with scores of 6 wins each. Mr. A. R. Bryden (Glasgow)

scored $4\frac{1}{2}$; Dr. Bennett (Glasgow) 4; J. Russell (Glasgow Central) $3\frac{1}{2}$; Mr. G. B. Nicol (Glasgow) 3; W. M. Inverarity (Glasgow) $2\frac{1}{2}$ wins.



Mrs. J. BROCKETT, L.L.A.,
Scottish Lady Chess Champion, 1926

The Ladies' Championship was won by Mrs. Brockett, whose doings are summarised as under by the *Glasgow Herald*, January 5th, 1926.

Mrs. Brockett, L.L.A., is a native of Glasgow, a teacher by profession, and the well-known secretary of the Glasgow Ladies' Chess Club, a position she has held for some years. She was taught the moves of the game by Camillo Ritter, the famous violinist. She has several times competed for the honour, her best previous effort being in 1922, when she tied with Miss Gilchrist but lost on the play-off. She has won the Cranston trophy three times, has competed of late years for the British Ladies' Championship, and has served on the executive of the S.C.A. The final scores in the Ladies' Championship now concluded were Mrs. Brockett (Glasgow) 5, Mrs. Richie (Edinburgh) 4, and Miss Wardhaugh 3.

The many friends of Mr. H. D.'O. Bernard will be interested to hear that he has now settled down in his new house at Monte Carlo.

House of Commons *v.* Athenæum.—An eight-board match between the House of Commons Chess Circle and the Athenæum was played at the House of Commons on Wednesday, November 25th, and resulted in a win for the House of Commons by $5\frac{1}{2}$ games to $2\frac{1}{2}$. Score:—

HOUSE OF COMMONS.			ATHENÆUM.		
1	Major Sir Richard Barnett ..	I	Sir Horace Plunkett	0	
2	Lt.-Col. Assheton Pownall ..	I	Canon A. C. Deane	0	
3	Sir John Simon	0	Sir Arthur Whitelegge	I	
4	Dr. E. Graham Little	I	Rev. B. R. V. Mills	0	
5	Capt. J. G. Fairfax	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sir T. K. Rose	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	Sir Sydney Henn	I	W. Hooper	0	
7	J. W. W. Hopkins	$\frac{1}{2}$	Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	Lt.-Col. Sir M. Mannington-Buller	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Hirst	$\frac{1}{2}$	
		$5\frac{1}{2}$			$2\frac{1}{2}$

Forthcoming Congresses.—J. D. Howell (of 22 Beach Road, Weston-super-Mare) reports that everything promises well for another of the successful biennial congresses which are a feature of this chess-playing centre. Two well-known Continental masters have been invited, one of whom has not previously played in this country.

Another Congress at Scarborough.—We are very pleased to be able to announce that Whitsuntide, 1926, will see a second congress at Scarborough. Such a meeting is assured of success, not only because G. M. Reid, the enterprising and courteous secretary will again be in office, but because there is no more delightful place in existence for a week's chess in the early summer (May 22nd to May 29th is the exact time).

Mr. G. M. Reid (14 York Place, Scarborough), went to Paris early in January and returned with the news that Muffang, Kahn, Bertrand, and Znosko-Borovsky are certainties, and it is most probable that Alekhine will also be present. The best English players are, of course, invited to be present.

Extract from the letter of an old subscriber. If we may add a corollary to the first sentence, the kind sentiments which are here contained have given the *B.C.M.* executive as much, or more, pleasure that expressed by the writer:—

There is no subscription which I renew with quite as much pleasure as this to the *B.C.M.* For years more than I care to remember, I have looked forward to the monthly arrival of the magazine and, monthly thereafter, have enjoyed playing over the games—sometimes studiously, more frequently with just sufficient care to enjoy the combinations. As time passes the disproportion increases—you can guess in which direction—but I excuse myself to myself that I am no J. H. Blake, and that the timely recognition of one's limitations is true philosophy.

The following letter was recently received by Miss Price at the Gambit Chess Rooms, London, and shows how much that institution is appreciated by players from all parts:—

DEAR MISS PRICE,

I have taken the liberty of forwarding you a souvenir from Australia and trust your kind acceptance. The gift itself is insignificant but it was the wish of my confrères in chess in Australia that I should call on you and express their kind remembrances of the hospitality and good friendship that you had invariably extended to Australian chessplayers. Such courtesy was also enjoyed by myself, and I have spent many pleasant hours in the Gambit Café. I am desirous that you should possess some little memento of my visit, not only as a personal recognition of favours received, but, if I may be permitted to adopt such expression, Australia's recognition of a lady's services to chess which are world renowned.

Again trusting your kind acceptance and wishing you the Compliments of the Season.

I remain, sincerely yours,

P. SYDNEY HUNT,
President N.S.W. Chess Association, and of
Sydney Chess Club, Australia.

[The souvenir took the form of a silver card tray, suitably inscribed.—Ed., *B.C.M.*]

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

India.—Mr. V. K. Khadilkar, of Sangli, contributed several interesting articles last year to the *East African Standard* on Chess in India. He says that twenty years ago it was hardly possible to select the best players of the country, and they were ignorant of their real chess strength. Though in some parts chess tournaments were held in early times, yet they were of the nature of local competitions, and the players could not test their strength with the well-known players of distant parts. The nine all-India tournaments, however, have made a great difference, as also India's first participation in the British Chess Championship at Southport, and the visit of M. Kostich to India.

Mr. Khadilkar renders especial homage to the efforts of the late Babu Nikhil Nath Maitra of Calcutta, and records the names of Dr. W. H. B. Moreno, Mr. D. N. Banerjee and Mr. S. C. Sengupt as prominent in Bengali chess circles, Mr. Justice Beamon, Mr. Cuka, Mr. H. E. Bamaji and the late Mr. A. B. Desai in Bombay, and Mr. A. H. C. Hamilton, of Allahabad. In recent years Mr. B. B. Ghosh, of Calcutta, and Mr. V. D. Alurkar, of Bombay, have done good work.

There are large numbers of players in India, but few well-organised chess clubs. The two are the Beamon Chess Club of Bombay and the Calcutta Chess Society, of Calcutta—neither very prosperous. The Indian press, however, is showing interest in chess events, and there are indications of coming life and movement. In the nine National Tournaments, Mr. Kisanlal, of Muttra, participated six times and was first or second every time. Mr. Khadilkar competed eight times and scored four firsts or seconds. Mr. N. R. Joshi, of Poona, tied last year with Kostich for the first place.

Yugoslavia.—*Šahovski Glasnik*, the Servian chess monthly, published at Zagreb, in its tenth issue, devotes a leader to the Moscow tournament—naturally a pæan to Slav prowess—a selection of the games is to follow in Nos. 11 and 12. Dr. Banekovich has an article on the evils of chess. There is a summary of Kostich's progress in Java and Sumatra. It appears that of 464 simultaneous games he won 411, lost 17, and drew 36.

In a match between Novi Sad and Beograd, won by the former $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$, the latter scored on board 1 as follows:—

GAME No. 5,619.

WHITE
KONJOVICH

1 P—K 4
2 P—Q 4
3 P—K 5
4 P—Q B 4
5 Kt—Q B 3

BLACK

FAJER

1 P—K 3
2 Kt—K B 3
3 Kt—Q 4
4 Kt—Kt 3
5 P—Q 4

WHITE

KONJOVICH

6 P—B 5
7 P—Q Kt 4
8 B—Q 3
9 Kt P×P
10 B×B

BLACK

FAJER

6 Kt(Kt 3)—Q 2
7 P—Q Kt 3
8 P×P
9 B—R 3?
10 Kt×B

11 Q—R 4	11 Q—B 1	25 Q—B 5	25 Q×Q
12 Kt—Kt 5	12 P—Q B 3	26 R×Q	26 R—Q 1
13 Q×Kt	13 P×Kt	27 Q—R 5	27 R×P
14 Q×Kt P	14 R—Q Kt 1	28 R×R P	28 R—Kt 5
15 Q—R 4	15 Q—B 2	29 R(B 5)—B 7	29 R—B 5
16 Kt—K 2	16 B—K 2	30 R(B 7)—Kt 7	30 P—R 3
17 Castles	17 Castles	31 P—R 4	31 K—R 2
18 Kt—B 3	18 P—B 3 !	32 R—K B 7	32 K—Kt 3
19 P×P!	19 B×P(B 3)	33 P—Kt 4	33 R—Q 3
20 P—K Kt 3	20 Kt×P	34 P—R 5 ch	34 K—R 2
21 Q—R 3	21 Kt—Kt 6 ?	35 R—B 8 and Black resigns, since if	
22 Kt×Q P!	22 P×Kt	... R(Q 3)—B 3, then 36 R(R 7)—	
23 P×Kt	23 R—Kt 2	R 8, P—K Kt 3; 37 R—B 7 ch,	
24 K R—Q B 1	24 Q—Kt 3	B—Kt 2; 38 R(R 8)—R 7 wins.	

Russia.—During his visit to Russia, Capablanca gave a couple of simultaneous displays in Moscow. At the first, he won 12 out of 15, lost 2 and drew 1. At the second, at the Dynamo Club, his 30 opponents were mainly workmen. After seven hours' play he had won 18, lost 1 and drawn 11. In Leningrad he also met 30 players, winning 18, losing 4 and drawing 8.

South Africa.—A dozen members of the Cape Town Chess Club journeyed to Stellenbosch to meet a team of the local University Chess Club. "Owing to counter-attractions," the hosts could muster but ten—the absentees including some of the strongest players—and the visitors won by $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. The University teams clearly will have to pull themselves together, for that of Cape Town appears to have lost likewise to the Cape Town Chess Club, possibly with a similar explanation. According to the *Cape Times* the hon. secretary of the Cape Town University Chess Club reported "The club was unfortunate in losing the Warren Cup to Cape Town. As, however, neither team was at full strength, we cannot say which is the leading club in the Western province."

The following "scrap" is quoted by the *Cape Times* from the *Melbourne Leader*, as having occurred at a club match in America—without guarantees!

GAME NO. 5,620.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	8	P—Q 4 ch	8	K×Q P
2	P—K B 4	2	P×P	9	P—Kt 4	9	B×P ch
3	Kt—K B 3	3	P—K Kt 4	10	P—B 3	10	B×P ch
4	B—B 4	4	P—Kt 5	11	Kt×B	11	K×Kt
5	B×P ch	5	K×B	12	B—Kt 2 ch	12	K×B
6	Kt—K 5 ch	6	K—B 3	13	Q—K 2 ch	13	K×R
7	Q×P	7	K×Kt	14	K—B 2 mate		

Sweden.—With the December number, *Shackvärlden*, of Gothenberg, completes its second year. In an editorial note, further endeavours are promised to make the magazine still more thoroughly representative of Northern chess.

The third International correspondence tournament will commence in the new year. It will be arranged in six classes, with suitable money and other prizes in each class. Other events are also on the tapis.

The final results of the first International correspondence tournament are announced, with the prizes and photos of nine of the winners. All participants apparently were Scandinavians.

Switzerland.—The *Geneva Tribune* declares that the chess world is weary of the uncertainty and arbitrariness of the present situation as regards the World's Chess Championship, which no longer fits in with modern requirements. Chess is being organised in every country; only the championship remains as it was—apart from financial considerations—in the days of stage coaches and sailing ships.

At Zurich, the Swiss delegation, after some hesitation, decided that the International Chess Federation ought to deal with this question. Strengthened by the adhesion of Germany and, it is hoped, of Austria and the Scandinavian countries, the federation will have to decide as to this at Budapest next July. The *Tribune* hopes that this will be the first step towards a reform which is urgent.

In a letter to the *Tribune*, Mons. P. Vincent, general secretary of the French Chess Federation, again takes up the cudgels on the same topic. He recommends that the International Federation should decide definitely that a world's championship match should be held within a fixed time, say, *e.g.*, in 1927, and arrange the terms after consultation with the great masters. This in spite of the improbability of raising the purse of \$10,000 spoken of. If the stars of the first magnitude refuse, he would throw the title open to those of the second order, and be prepared to face the adverse criticism he would expect to prevail for a time.

Of course it is true that all chess players would like to see another major contest, but the views and feelings of the great artists to whom we look to provide it must be considered sympathetically; and now that chess is being organised so much better everywhere, possibly the financial sacrifice that players must be prepared to make to ensure such matches periodically may be arranged with the minimum of strain. It is too much always to expect individual patrons or even a few of them, to bear the whole cost of providing for the instruction and enjoyment of the entire world of chess.

As showing how chess can be developed, "K. de W.," in the *Geneva Tribune*, reported that at the Moscow tournament 1,500 spectators followed with feverish attention the least movements of the masters. Moscow alone has 45,000 organised players, and it is said that the Russian government has already enrolled half-a-million new adepts. Our British master, Yates, says that there were about 5,000 visitors per day at the congress.

Finland.—During November the Lettish master Apscheneek visited Abo, giving lectures and instruction in chess at the local club. Two lectures a week were given throughout November, dealing with

end games, openings and middle games. A tournament of 8 players was held, in which Apscheneek and the Finnish master Edgar Lindroos participated, Apscheneek leading at latest news. On the 22nd November, Apscheneek played nine blindfold games simultaneously, winning 6, losing 1 to Dr. R. Kyrklund, and drawing 2, to Dr. Olga von Essen and Y. S. Nilsson. This lasted eight hours. On the 28th, Apscheneek gave a farewell simultaneous display. Of 14 games he won 11, lost 1 and drew 2.

Italy.—There is an article in support of the Meran variation by Signor Remo Calapso in the January number of *L' Italia Scacchistica*.

The 1925 tournament of the Milan Chess Society resulted in a tie between Messrs. Padulli and Morelli. The former won both the games of the short match to decide.

Signor Mariotti won the tournament of the Florence Chess Club with 10 points out of 11 without a loss.

L' Alfieri di Re (The King's Bishop), of Palermo, in its special issue for October and November, 1925, provides a real feast for problemists in the shape of a large selection from the fourth International Competition for two-movers, dedicated to the memory of Giorgio Guidelli. Included are reports by the organising committee of the club Centurini and by the judge, Mr. A. C. White.

Austria.—The following have been invited to the forthcoming International Tournament at Semmering—a delightful spot in the mountains: Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, Vidmar, Marshall, Torre, Reti, Tarrasch, Grünfeld, Bogoljubow, Yates, Treybal, Rubinstein, Rosselli, Johner, Maroczy and Niemzovitch. A brilliant assembly if they all accept.

France.—The second annual Congress at Hyères took place on the 18th to the 23rd January at the Grand Hotel des Palmiers, under the management of Mr. Gunsberg, Mr. A. J. Maas being tournament secretary.

Quite an International representation was obtained, the participants in the principal tournament for the Philidor Cup being Mrs. Stevenson, Colonel Prince, and Messrs. Halberstadt, Hans Müller, R. H. V. Scott, S. Baratz, A. J. Maas, Max Romih, Janowski and N. de Fridman, with a corresponding entry for the Minor.

Canada.—According to *Le Pion*, of Montreal, Sir George Thomas passed through that city just before Christmas with his party *en route* to play Badminton at various centres, and regret was expressed that the distinguished visitor could not stay longer.

Hungary.—*Magyar Sakkvilág* for December, 1925, gives particulars of the 30-board match between Hungary and Austria, won by the former by 18 to 12. The first four boards resulted in draws, Dr. Vajda, who is well known here, playing No. 1 for Hungary against Becker. There were some notable absentees on both sides,

although the teams are strong. One has only to recall our friend Maroczy. He, by the way, is in North America. Of 901 simultaneous games he has won 793, drawn 87, and lost only 21.

Belgium.—*L'Echiquier* has a special number of 24 large pages, handsomely printed, with an analysis of the openings at Baden-Baden contributed by M. Alekhine, a continuation of a biography of Lasker by W. N. Dinger, and photos of the three leaders at Moscow.

Colle secured the Belgium championship by defeating Koltanowski by 4—0 with 3 draws. There is given a list of the achievements of our master, Amos Burn, with three of his best games, annotated; and an excellent selection of games, positions and problems.

Germany.—According to the chess section of the *Teplitz-Schönau Anzeiger*, a Berlin tobacconist, who is likewise a chess enthusiast, displayed a large chess board in his window, offering a cigar to solvers of the three-move problem on it. The varied crowd of onlookers evidenced the universality of the game; doubtless the novel form of advertisement proved not unprofitable.

Our contemporary rather belittles Iljin Genevsky's victory over Capablanca, saying "Capablanca played almost the whole game very finely, obtaining a winning position, but finally over-combined, while certainly his opponent had only forced moves, whereby probably to his own astonishment, he obtained suddenly a won game."

A special article is devoted to the talented young master, Carlos Torre, which concludes, "we certainly cannot go wrong in viewing this unprecedented career as the ripening of the new genius which—in spite of Capablanca—has been lacking in the chess world since Lasker."

The British Lady Champion, prior to her departure for the Hyères Tournament received a little poem from one of the French competitors, of which the following is a translation by Mr. A. J. Maas.

THE LAY OF THE LAST TROUBADOUR.

As a Lamb among Wolves Mrs. Stevenson comes :
 (Blow ye the trumpets and beat ye the drums !)
 With Janowski and Gunsberg she'll have to contend ;
 She fights bravely : we hope she will win in the end !
 Hans Müller and Romih in wait for her lie,
 Their ears tightly shut to the poor victim's cry.
 She may beat S. Baratz and R. H. V. Scott :
 I repeat that she may—but I fear she will not.
 As for Halberstadt, Fridman, and C. Stuart Prince,
 The blows that they deal have made mighty one's wince.
 But sound ye the trumpets, and beat ye the drums,
 And wish luck to the Lady from London who comes !

Trans.—A. J. MAAS.

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Trophy results.—Class 1: Bussell drew with Rockett. Class 2a: Jayne beat Ditcham and Joyce. Class 2b: Steele beat Stoneman and Windybank beat Gale. Toledano beat Stoneman and Gale and lost to Lesser. (H. A. Clarke has resigned and his score is cancelled). Class 3a: Gurney beat Heywood. Class 3b: Wilcox beat Kennedy; Jago beat McClusky; Lowe beat Hopkins. Class 4a: Mrs. Macvewan beat Oldfield; Hollingdale beat Heath and Behrmdt and drew with Aston. Porch beat Griffin; Aston beat Behrmdt. Class 4b: Beckwith beat Somerville; E. S. Davis beat Jagger and Laslett. Class 5: Boutland beat Halford and lost to Lister; Miss Baker beat Miss Eveling; Mrs. Fish drew with Halford.

Handicap Results.—These are held over until next month.

Match *versus Chess Amateur*.—The final results are not all to hand yet, but we expect to have them for March issue of the *B.C.M.* According to present results we should at least obtain a draw. The score however is very even.

Knock-out Tourney.—Will members who are still in this competition please hasten their games and where three months have elapsed since the commencement of their round, send in for adjudication.

Played in the Trophies Tourney, Class 3a, 1924-5.

GAME No. 5,621.

WHITE		BLACK	
A. LESSER	Sir S. G. SHEAD	A. LESSER	Sir S. G. SHEAD
(Liverpool)		(Liverpool)	
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	24 Q R—K B 1	24 P—Q B 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—K B 3	25 B—Q 3	25 Q R—B 1
3 Kt×P	3 P—Q 3	26 Q—K 2	26 P×P
4 Kt—K B 3	4 Kt×P	27 P×P	27 Q R—B 2
5 P—Q 4	5 P—Q 4	28 Kt—Kt 6	28 Q×P ch
6 B—Q 3	6 B—K Kt 5	29 K—R 1	29 K R—B 2
7 Castles	7 B—K 2	30 B×R	30 R×B
8 P—B 3	8 Kt—Q 2	31 Kt—B 4	31 B—B 2
9 B—K 2	9 Q Kt—B 3	32 B—Kt 1	32 Q—Kt 3
10 Kt—K 5	10 B—K 3	33 P—Q Kt 3	33 K—Kt 2
11 P—B 3	11 Kt—Q 3	34 B×Kt	34 B P×B
12 B—K 3	12 Castles	35 R(B 3)—B 2	35 Q—Q 3
13 Kt—Q 2	13 Kt—Q 2	36 Kt—R 5 ch	36 B×Kt
14 Kt×Kt	14 B×Kt	37 Q×B	37 Q—K 3
15 B—Q 3	15 Kt—K 1	38 Q—Q 1	38 K—Kt 3
16 Q—B 2	16 P—K B 4	39 Q—Q 4	39 P—Kt 3
17 P—K B 4	17 Kt—Q 3	40 P—Kt 3	40 R—B 8
18 Kt—B 3	18 Kt—K 5	41 R×R	41 B×R
19 Kt—K 5	19 B—K 3	42 K—Kt 2	42 P—K 6
20 B—K 2	20 P—K Kt 4	43 Q—Q 3 ch	43 Q—K 5 ch
21 P×P	21 B×P	44 Q×Q	44 P×Q
22 B—K B 4	22 Q—B 3	45 R—B 4	45 Resigns
R—B 3	23 P—K R 3		

GAME DEPARTMENT.

Games played in the Premier Tournament at the Hastings Congress. Notes by J.H.B. except where otherwise stated.

GAME No. 5,622.

Played in the third round.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE

E. COLLE.

1 P—Q 4

2 Kt—K B 3

3 P—B 4

4 Kt—B 3

BLACK

A. ALEKHINE

1 Kt—K B 3

2 P—Q 4

3 P—K 3

4 B—Kt 5

.....See game No. 5,095, Ed. Lasker v. Marshall, 1923, for another example of this form of defence. On that occasion White played 5 B—Kt 5, P—K R 3; 6 B×Kt, Q×B; 7 Q—R 4 ch, Kt—B 3; 8 P—K 3. Still others are Salwe v. Schlechter, Carlsbad, 1911, and Burn v. Bernstein, San Sebastian, 1911; in both these instances White continued 5 P—K 3 and 6 B—Q 3, declining to be drawn into Q—R 4 ch.

5 Q—R 4 ch

5 Kt—B 3

6 Kt—K 5

A highly questionable adventure which merely develops Black's game rapidly. If however, 6 P—K 3, Black can still play 6... B—Q 2, threatening 7... Kt×P!, so that White would have to move the Queen again—a sufficient disproof of his 5th move.

7 Kt×B

7 Q×Kt

8 P—K 3

8 P—K 4

9 P—Q R 3

6 B—Q 2

9 K P×P

10 P×B

11 Kt P×P

12 B—K 2

He seems to have nothing better than 12 Q—Q 1 (to prevent ... Q—Kt 5 after ... P×P B×P).

12 P×P

13 Castles

For if 13 B×P, then ... Q—Kt 5 drives the Bishop home again.

13 P—Q R 3

14 Q—K 3

14 Q—B 2

15 B—B 3

Hoping to get the King's Pawn forward and so develop the other Bishop.

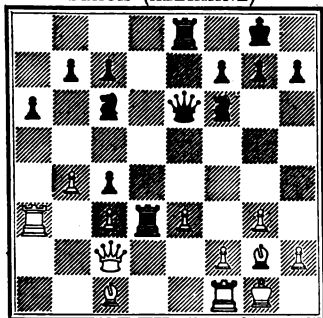
15 K R—K 1

16 P—Kt 3

The natural-looking continuation would be 16 R—K 1, but he dreads 16... Kt—K 4; 17 B×P, R—R 2; 18 B—K 4, Kt—Kt 3; 19 B—B 3, Kt—R 5. The right way therefore to effect his purpose is 16 B×Kt, Q×B; 17 P—B 3, Q R—Q 1; 18 R—Q 1, and 19 P—K 4, with a defensible game for the present; but the lost Pawn is irrecoverable and must eventually turn the scale against him.

18 R—R 3
Position after 18 R—R 3.

BLACK (ALEKHINE)



WHITE (COLLE)

19 R—K 1
20 P—K 4
21 B—R 1

18 P—K R 4
19 P—R 5
20 P—R 6

21 B—B 1, turning out the Black Rook would be worse than useless, as the necessary defence of his King's Pawn would cause his position to deteriorate still further.

22 P—B 3
23 Q—B 2

21 Q—B 4!
22 Q—Q Kt 4

23 B—K 3 or B—B 4 would be met by 23... Kt×Kt P.

23 K R—Q 1
24 Q—B 5

If 24 P—B 4, then ... P—R 4;
25 P×P. Q Kt×P; 26 P—K 5,
Kt—Q 2; 27 B—K 4, Kt—B 4,
with ... Q Kt—Kt 6 to follow.
The text-move is to prevent this
advance by Black, but it only
creates other weaknesses.

24 Q×Q ch
25 P×Q
26 B—K 3
27 B—Q 4
28 Q R—R 1
29 R×Kt
30 Resigns

25 Kt—Q 2
26 Kt—Kt 5
27 Kt—B 7
28 Kt×Q R
29 Kt×P

For upon 30 B×Kt, R—Q 8 ch;
31 R×R, R×R ch; 32 K—B 2,
R×B White is helpless. After
the mistake at his 9th move,
White has never been given the
shadow of a chance.

GAME No. 5,623.

Played in the third round. Notes by R.P.M.

WHITE	BLACK
DR. A. SEITZ	R. P. MICHELL
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P—Q B 3
4 Kt—B 3	4 P×P
5 P—K 3	

P—Q R 4 first is probably better in this variation.

6 P—Q R 4	5 P—Q Kt 4
7 Kt—Kt 1	6 P—Kt 5
8 B×P	7 P—Q R 4
9 Castles	8 Kt—Q 2
10 Q—K 2	9 K Kt—B 3
11 R—Q 1	10 B—K 2
12 Q Kt—Q 2	11 Castles
13 Kt—Kt 3	12 Q—B 2
	13 P—K 4

14 Q—B 2	14 B—Q 3
15 B—Q 3	15 R—K 1
16 P×P	16 Kt×P
17 Kt×Kt	17 B×Kt
18 P—K B 4	18 B—Q 3
19 Kt—Q 4	19 B—Kt 2
20 Kt—B 5	20 B—B 1
21 P—Q Kt 3	

Black seems to have a better game than he should have been allowed to get. White's twenty-first move is hardly satisfactory, but it is better than it looks, as it embodies a trap.

21 P—K Kt 3
22 Kt—Kt 3 22 Kt—Q 4

..... Falling into it. B—Kt 2
or Q R—Q 1 should have been played.

23 B×Kt P 23 R P×B
 24 R×Kt 24 P—Q B 4
 25 R—Kt 5 25 B—K Kt 2
 26 B—Kt 2

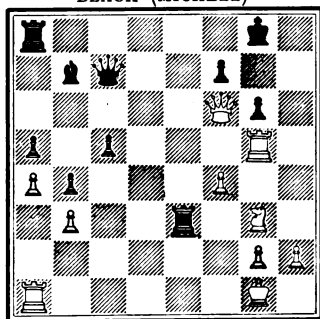
If 26 R×Q B P, tricky continuations difficult to investigate arise, e.g., 26.., Q—Q 3; 27 Q R—Kt 1 or R 2, B—Q 5. White probably reckoned the text-move both strong and safe.

26 B×B
 27 R×P
 27 Q×B
 28 Q—B 6

Possibly White had thought Kt—R 5 would be a winning move at this point, but abandoned it because of the reply, 28.., R—Q B 6. A time scramble now ensued.

Position after 28 Q—B 6.

BLACK (MICHELL)



WHITE (SEITZ)

28 R—R 3
 29 Q—B 3
 30 Q—R 3
 31 R—Q 1
 32 P—K B 5
 33 Kt—R 5
 34 R×R
 35 Q×Q
 36 Kt—B 6 ch
 37 Kt—Q 7
 38 R—R 3
 29 Q—B 3
 30 R×P
 31 R—R 1
 32 R—Kt 7
 33 R×P ch
 34 Q×R ch
 35 B×Q
 36 K—Kt 2
 37 R—Q 1

.....Much better than moving the Bishop.

38 P—B 6 ch 38 K—Kt 1
 39 K×B 39 P—B 5
 40 R—Q B 1

White cannot cross with the King in time to relieve his Rook of the double duty of protecting the Knight and preventing the Pawn from queening, and he cannot rid himself of the pin by R—Q 5, followed by Kt—Kt 6, without letting the Pawn queen.

40 R×Kt
 41 R—Kt 2
 42 P—Kt 6
 43 R—Kt 5
 44 K—B 3
 45 K—R 2
 46 K—R 3
 47 K—Kt 4
 48 K×P
 41 R×P
 42 R—B 2
 43 R—Kt 2
 44 K—B 3
 45 K—K 3
 46 K—Q 3
 47 K—B 3
 48 Resigns

GAME No. 5,624.

Played in the fifth round.

Queen's Pawn Opening, Buda-Pest Defence.

WHITE BLACK
 A. ALEKHINE A. SEITZ
 1 P—Q B 4 1 Kt—K B 3
 2 P—Q 4 2 P—K 4
 3 P×P 3 Kt—Kt 5
 4 P—K 4 4 Kt×K P
 5 P—B 4 5 K Kt—B 3

..... Compare Game No. 5,420 Alekhine v. Rabinovitch 1925.

6 B—K 3 6 B—Kt 5 ch
His King's wing is left fatally weak by this and the

subsequent moves. A more promising course would be 6.., P—Q 3; 7.., Kt—Q 2; and 8.., Kt—B 3; but Black cannot avoid getting a constrained game.

7 Kt—B 3 7 Q—K 2 ?
 8 B—Q 3 8 P—B 4 ?
 9 Q—R 5 ch

The utility of getting Black's King's Knight's Pawn moved becomes evident later on.

10 Q—B 3
11 B×K P
12 P×B
13 B—Q 5 ch
14 Kt—R 3

9 P—Kt 3
10 P×P
11 B×Kt ch
12 Castles
13 K—R 1
14 P—Q 3

.....14... R—K 1; 15 K—B 2, Q—R 5 ch would be a very weak variation, for 16 Q—Kt 3, Q×Q ch; 17 P×Q, leaves White with an easily won game.

15 Castles 15 B×Kt
16 Q×B 16 Q—Q 2

.....16... Kt—Q 2; 17 Q R—K 1, Q—Kt 2; 18 P—B 5 wins.

(See Diagram)

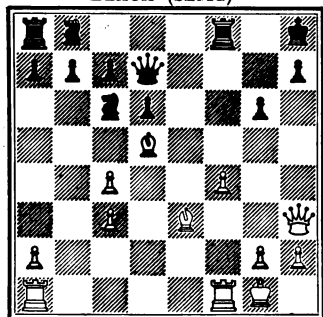
17 P—K B 5 17 P×P

.....If 17... R×P; 18 R×R, Q×R; 19 Q—R 6, Kt—Q 2; 20 B×Kt wins.

18 Q R—Kt 1 18 P—B 5
.....If 18... Kt—R 3; 19 B×Kt, P×B; 20 B—Q 4 ch, Kt—K 1; 21 Q—Kt 3 ch wins. It is now strikingly evident that the release of his Queen's Knight should have been Black's first care after move 5.

19 B×B P 19 Q×Q
20 B—K 5 ch 20 Resigns
Position after 16... Q—Q 2.

BLACK (SEITZ)



WHITE (ALEKHINE)

GAME No. 5,625.

Played in the seventh round.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
DR. M. VIDMAR	R. P. MICHELL
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P—Q B 3
4 P—K 3	4 Kt—B 3
5 Kt—B 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2
6 B—Q 3	6 P×P
7 B×B P	7 P—Q Kt 4
8 B—Q 3	8 P—Q R 3
9 P—Q R 4	

Compare game Bugoljuboff v. Thomas, No. 5,411, 1925. Apparently Dr. Vidmar does not share in the favourable opinions of Blumenfeld's novelty.

10 Castles 9 B—Kt 2
10 B—K 2

.....10... P—Kt 5, if 11 Kt—K 4, P—B 4 is a playable alternative, but Black gets a good game by his chosen method.

11 Q—K 2	11 Castles
12 P—K 4	12 P—Kt 5
13 P—K 5	13 P×Kt
14 P×Kt	14 Kt×P

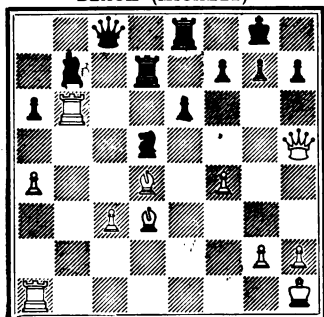
.....Not 14... P×Kt P because of the reply, 15 Q×Kt P!

15 P×P	15 P—B 4
16 B—K 3	16 P×P
17 B×Q P	17 Q—B 2
18 K R—Kt 1	18 B—Q 3
19 Kt—K 5	19 B×Kt
20 B×B	20 Q—B 3
21 P—B 3	21 K R—Q 1
22 K—R 1	22 R—Q 2
23 B—Q 4	23 R—K 1
24 R—Kt 6	24 Q—B 1
25 P—K B 4	

To prevent 25... P—K 4, which Black could play immediately against 25 B×Q R P.

25 Kt—Q 4
26 Q—R 5
Position after 26 Q—R 5.

BLACK (MICHELL)



BLACK (VIDMAR)

26 P—B 4

.....An unfortunate choice which lets White in with an elegant combination, based on the fact that Black's King's Rook must now be kept covered. The right move was 26... P—R 3 when there would be likely to follow 27 R—Kt 3 (if 27 R—Kt 2, Kt×K B P; 28 Q—Kt 4, R×B; 29 P×R, Kt×B, and should win). Kt×K B P; 28 Q—Kt 4, P—K 4 (best: If ..., B×P ch; 29 K—

Kt 1, P—Kt 4; 30 B—K 5! wins); 29 B×P, R×B; 30 Q×Kt, and Black has the better position, with several excellent courses to select from: e.g. doubling the Rooks on either centre file, or play 30... Q—B 4. Even 30... R×B; 31 Q×R, R—Q 7 is quite good.

27 R×B! 27 R×R
28 B×R P 28 Kt×K B P

.....This loses a piece; there was nothing better left than 28 R(K 1)—K 2; but then White's Queen's Rook's Pawn should ensure him a win.

29 Q—B 3 29 Kt—Q 4
30 P—B 4 30 R—Kt 8 ch
31 R×R 31 Q×B
32 P×Kt 32 Q×P
33 B—Kt 1 33 Q—R 7
34 R—K 1 34 P—K 4
35 R—Q 1 35 Q—Q B 7
36 P—Q 6 36 P—K 5
37 P—Q 7 37 R—Q 1
38 Q—R 5 38 P—Kt 3
39 Q—Kt 5 39 Resigns

.....For if 39... Q—B 2; 40 Q×R ch, Q×Q; 41 B—Kt 6, and Queens the Pawn.

GAME No. 5,626.

Played in the ninth round.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE
DR. M. VIDMAR

1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4
3 Kt—K B 3
4 Kt—B 3
5 P—K 3
6 B—Q 3
7 B×B P
8 B—Q 3
9 Castles

BLACK

A. SEITZ

1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K 3
3 P—Q 4
4 P—B 3
5 Q Kt—Q 2
6 P×P
7 P—Q Kt 4
8 P—Q R 3

Compare the opening of Vidmar v. Michell, ante.

10 P—Q R 4 9 P—B 4
11 Kt—Kt 1 10 P—Kt 5
12 Q Kt—Q 2 11 B—Kt 2
13 Q—K 2 12 B—K 2
13 Castles

14 R—Q 1 14 Q—B 2
15 Kt—B 4 15 K R—Q 1
16 B—Q 2 16 P×P

.....A necessary preliminary to ..., Kt—Q 4, but that is by no means an indispensable course; 16... Kt—K 5 may be better worth considering, and if 17 B—K 1, then ..., P—Q R 4.

17 P×P 17 Kt—Q 4
18 K Kt—K 5 18 Kt×Kt
19 Kt×Kt 19 B—K B 3
20 Q R—B 1 20 Q—K 2
21 P—R 5 21 P—Kt 3
22 R—B 4 22 B—Kt 4

.....Now the advanced Pawn is endangered (Q—K 1 being threatened) for want of the prudent ..., P—Q R 4.

- 23 KR—QB 1 23 B×B
 24 Q×B 24 Q—R 5
P—B 3 would provoke
 25 Kt—B 6, B×Kt; 26 R×B,
 when the Queen's Rook's Pawn
 would become indefensible.
 Removal of the Queen relieves
 Black, for the moment, of the
 necessity of taking the Knight
 should it go to B 6; but he would
 do better to effect the same
 purpose more quietly by ...
 Q—B 1.
 25 P—K Kt 3 25 Q—R 4
 26 B—K 4 26 Q R—Kt 1
 27 R—B 5

The initiation of a subtle scheme
 for taking advantage of the
 position of the Black Queen,
 whilst incidentally maintaining
 threats against weak Black Pawns.

(See Diagram)

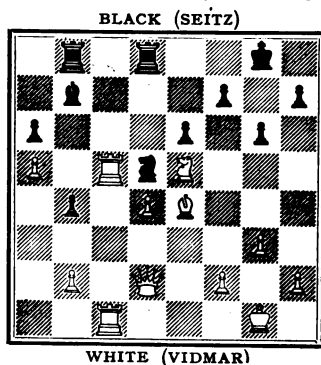
- 28 B—Kt 2 27 R—Q 3
 29 P—R 3 28 KR—Q 1
 30 Kt—Kt 4 29 Q—B 4
 31 R—K 1 30 K—R 1
 31 Q R—B 1

.....He cannot turn out the
 Knight by ... P—R 4, nor play
 ... P—Kt 4, on account of 32
 B—K 4. The text-move renders
 32 R—K 5 inoperative for the
 moment, by preventing the reply
 of 33 R—B 1 to 32... Q—Kt 8 ch.

- 32 K—R 2 32 R×R
 33 P×K 33 R—Q 2
If 33... P—B 3; 34
 Kt—R 6 and 35 Kt—B 7 ch. If
 33... R—K B 1; 34 R—K 5,
 Q—Kt 8; 35 B—K 4, Q—K B 8;
 36 Q—R 6, R—B 1; 37 R—R 5!
 and wins.
 34 Q—Q 4 ch 34 P—B 3
 35 B—K 4 35 Q—Kt 4
 36 P—B 4 36 Q—R 4
 37 B×Kt 37 P—K 4
 38 P—B 6 38 Resigns

.....For if ... P×Q White
 mates in two, and if 38... B×P;
 39 Q—B 5, White wins another
 piece.

Position after 27 R—B 5.



GAME No. 5,627.

Played in the ninth round.

Alekhine's Defence.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|---|------------|
| F. D. YATES | E. COLLE |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—K 5 | 2 Kt—Q 4 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | |
| 3 B—B 4 has the approval of Capablanca. | 3 Kt×Kt |
| 4 Kt P×Kt | |

The weakness of taking this
 way is that it offers Black the
 chance of trying for ... P—Q 4,
 ... P—Q B 4 and ... P—B 5,
 shutting in White's King's Bishop,
 and leaving him with a left wing

which might be difficult to defend
 in an end-game.

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| 5 Kt—B 3 | 4 P—Q 3 |
| 6 P—Q 4 | 5 P—K Kt 3 |
| 7 B—K B 4 | 6 B—Kt 2 |
| 8 B—K 2 | 7 Castles |
| 9 P×P | 8 Kt—B 3 |
| 10 Q—Q 2 | 9 B P×P |
| 11 Castles R R | 10 Q—B 2 |
| | 11 P—Kt 3 |

.....11... P—K 4 is much
 stronger; if 12 B—K R 6, P—
 K 5; 13 Kt—K 1, P—B 4, with
 an excellent game.

- 12 B—K R 6 12 B—Kt 2
 13 B×B 13 K×B
 14 Kt—R 4 14 Kt—R 4

.....And still ..., P—K 4 is the right course; the Knight then comes strongly into play *via* K 2 and Q 4. After the exchange of Bishops he needs a minor piece on the King's side, and its absence is severely felt later.

- 15 Q R—K 1 15 Q R—B 1
 16 B—Q 3 16 P—K 3
 17 Q—B 4 17 Q—Q 1

(See Diagram)

- 18 R—K 3 18 Q—B 3
 19 Q—Kt 4 19 R—B 2

.....Not 19..., R×P because of 20 B×P!

- 20 P—K B 4 20 K—R 1
 21 R—R 3 21 R×P

.....Extremely rash. 21..., R—K Kt 1 is necessary, with ..., R—Kt 2 to follow.

- 22 P—B 5
 Strong and conclusive! It threatens 23 Kt×P ch, B P×Kt; 24 P×P, winning.

22 Kt P×P
22..., K P×P is no better, as 23 Kt×B P still follows.

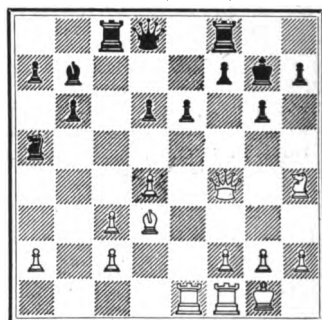
- 23 Kt×P 23 Q—Kt 3

.....If 23..., R×B; 24—P×R, P×Kt; 25 K R×P, Q—Kt 3; 26 R—K Kt 5, and 27 Q—R 4 wins.

- 24 Kt—K 7! 24 Resigns

Position after 17..., Q—Q 1.

BLACK (COLLE)



WHITE (YATES)

GAME NO. 5,628.

Played in the first round.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE		BLACK	
E. COLLE		D. JANOWSKI	
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 P—Q 3	
3 P—B 4		3 B—Kt 5	
4 Kt—B 3		4 Q Kt—Q 2	
5 P—K Kt 3		5 P—K 4	
6 B—Kt 2		6 B—K 2	
7 Castles		7 Castles	
8 P×P		8 P×P	
9 Q—B 2		9 B—Q 3	
10 R—Q 1		10 Q—K 2	
11 Kt—Q Kt 5		11 B—Q B 4	
12 Kt×B P		12 B×P ch	
13 K×B		13 Q—B 4 ch	
14 K—B 1		14 Q×Kt	
15 P—Kt 3		15 B—R 4	
16 B—Q R 3		16 Kt—B 4	
17 Q—B 3		17 Kt—Kt 5	
18 Kt×P		18 Kt×P ch	
19 K—Kt 1		19 Kt—Kt 5	
20 Kt×Kt		20 B×Kt	
21 R—Q 5		21 Kt—K 3	
22 B×R		22 R×B	
WHITE		BLACK	
E. COLLE		D. JANOWSKI	
23 Q—K 3		23 P—Q Kt 3	
24 Q—Q 1		24 Kt—B 4	
25 Q—K 5		25 Q—B 1	
26 Q—K 7		26 Kt—K 3	
27 B—B 3		27 B×B	
28 P×B		28 Q—Kt 1	
29 P—B 4		29 R—K 1	
30 Q—Q 6		30 Q—B 1	
31 Q—Q 7		31 Q—R 1	
32 P—K B 5		32 Kt—B 1	
33 Q—Q 6		33 R—K 6	
34 R(Q 1)—Q 2		34 P—K R 3	
35 Q—B 4		35 R—K 2	
36 K—B 2		36 Q—K 1	
37 R—Q 8		37 Q—B 3	
38 Q—Kt 8		38 Q—B 4 ch	
39 K—Kt 2		39 Q×K B P	
40 R×Kt ch		40 K—R 2	
41 R—R 8 ch		41 K—Kt 3	
42 Q—B 4		42 Q—K R 4	
43 P—K Kt 4		43 Q—Q B 4	
44 R—Q 5		44 Resigns	

GAME NO. 5,629.

Played in the first round.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK	
A. ALEKHINE		R. P. MICHELL	
1 P—Q 4		1 P—Q 4	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K 3	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 Kt—K B 3	
4 B—Kt 5		4 B—K 2	
5 P—K 3		5 Q Kt—Q 2	
6 Kt—B 3		6 Castles	
7 R—B 1		7 P—B 3	
8 B—Q 3		8 P×P	
9 B×B P		9 Kt—Q 4	
10 B×B		10 Q×B	
11 Kt—K 4		11 R—Q 1	
12 Castles		12 Kt—B 1	
13 Q—K 2		13 B—Q 2	
WHITE		BLACK	
A. ALEKHINE		R. P. MICHELL	
14 Kt—B 5		14 B—K 1	
15 P—K 4		15 Kt—B 5	
16 Q—K 3		16 K Kt—Kt 3	
17 P—K 5		17 Q R—Kt 1	
18 Kt—K 4		18 Kt—Q 2	
19 Kt—Q 6		19 P—B 3	
20 Kt—B 5		20 Q—Kt 5	
21 P×P		21 Kt×P	
22 Kt—Kt 5		22 Kt—B 1	
23 P—Q R 3		23 Q×Kt P	
24 Kt×K P		24 Kt×Kt	
25 Q×Kt ch		25 K—R 1	
26 Q—K 7		26 Resigns	

GAME NO. 5,630.

Played in the sixth round.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK	
A. ALEKHINE		F. D. YATES	
1 P—Q 4		1 P—K 3	
2 P—K 4		2 P—Q 4	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 B—Kt 5	
4 P×P		4 P×P	
5 B—Q 3		5 Kt—K B 3	
6 B—K Kt 5		6 Castles	
7 Kt—K 2		7 P—B 3	
8 Castles		8 R—K 1	
9 Kt—Kt 3		9 Q Kt—Q 2	
10 Kt—R 5		10 P—K R 3	
11 B—R 4		11 B—K 2	
12 R—K 1		12 Kt×Kt	
13 B×B		13 R×B	
14 Q×Kt		14 Kt—B 3	
15 Q—R 4		15 B—Q 2	
16 R—K 5		16 R×R	
17 P×R		17 Kt—R 2	
18 Q×Q ch		18 R×Q	
19 P—B 4		19 R—K 1	
20 K—B 2		20 Kt—B 1	
21 P—Q Kt 4		21 Kt—K 3	
22 P—Kt 3		22 K—B 1	
23 R—K 1		23 P—K Kt 3	
24 P—Kt 5		24 Kt—B 4	
25 P×P		25 P×P	
26 R—Q Kt 1		26 K—K 2	
27 R—Kt 4		27 P—K R 4	
28 Kt—K 2		28 K—Q 1	
WHITE		BLACK	
A. ALEKHINE		F. D. YATES	
29 R—Kt 8 ch		29 K—K 2	
30 R×R ch		30 B×R	
31 K—K 3		31 Kt×B	
32 P×Kt		32 P—Q B 4	
33 P—Q 4		33 P—B 5	
34 P—B 5		34 P—Kt 4	
35 P—K R 4		35 P—B 3	
36 R P×P		36 P×Kt P	
37 Kt—Kt 1		37 B—Q 2	
38 P—B 6 ch		38 K—K 1	
39 Kt—B 3		39 P—Kt 5	
40 Kt—R 4		40 B—K 3	
41 Kt—Kt 6		41 B—B 2	
42 Kt—B 4		42 K—Q 2	
43 K—K 2		43 P—R 4	
44 K—K 3		44 B—Kt 1	
45 Kt×R P		45 B—B 2	
46 Kt—B 4		46 B—Kt 1	
47 Kt—K 2		47 B—K 3	
48 K—B 4		48 K—K 1	
49 K—Kt 5		49 K—B 2	
50 Kt—B 3		50 K—B 1	
51 K—Kt 6		51 K—Kt 1	
52 P—B 7 ch		52 K—B 1	
53 K—B 6		53 B×P	
54 P—K 6		54 B—R 4	
55 Kt×P		55 B—K 1	
56 Kt—B 3		56 Resigns	

PROBLEM WORLD

By B. G. LAWS.

All communications respecting problems must be addressed to Mr. B. G. Laws, 21 Nelson Road, Stroud Green, N.8.

In the paragraph on page 48 last month relating to the death of Mr. H. M. Prideaux, we gave the year of his birth as 1879. This was really the year he was admitted as a solicitor. He was born on October 14th, 1859.

THE BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

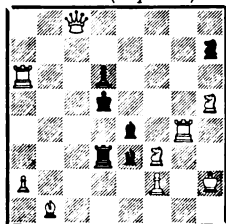
As announced last month, the first number of the Society's quarterly *The Problemist* was issued on the 1st ult. Mr. Dawson, in a foreword, interestingly explained the purpose of the publication, which is intended to benefit members who are not in touch with the Society's activities in London. Eight original problems by members are given, and an abridged record illustrative of Mr. D. Pirnie's lecture given 18th December last with other matters of interest. As *The Problemist* gets more known it is sure to be welcomed by all who concern themselves in the Society's doings, problems, solving and literary contributions.

B.C.P.S. SEVENTH SOLVING TOURNEY.

This competition started last month (see *B.C.M.*, pages 43 and 44), when the first twelve problems and full particulars were given. The second twelve are given herewith. Solutions should be posted to Mr. D. Pirnie, 10 Northwood Road, Highgate, London, N.6 by March 15th next.

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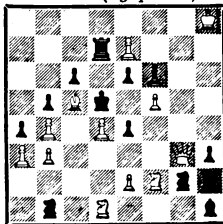


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Mate in two.

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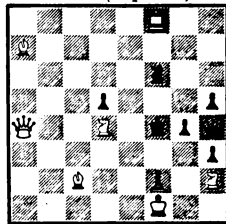


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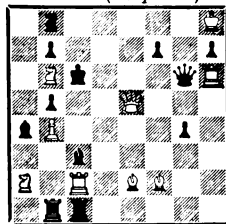


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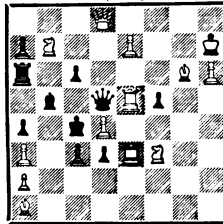


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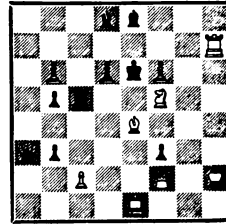


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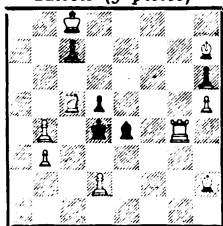


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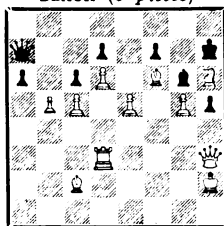
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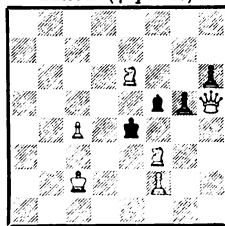
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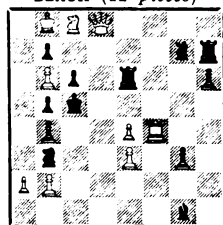
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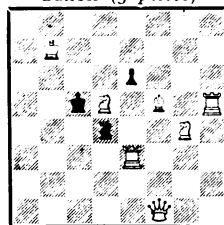
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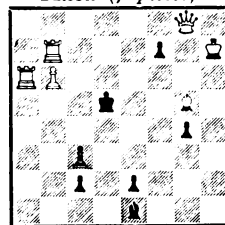
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BLACK (3 pieces)

WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

XXIV.

BLACK (7 pieces)

WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Changing Fashions: 150 Chess Problems, by George Hume.

To English problemists this volume will create much interest and as the chosen subject for the 1925 Christmas Series, Mr. A. C. White must be congratulated. Mr. George Hume has had forty-five years' experience as a composer and solver, in addition he has carried out for ten years the editing of Mr. White's Christmas books with conspicuous ability. He therefore has a store of knowledge to base his discourse upon the "changing fashions" which the chess problem has undergone, in at least this country during the past half a century. The various changes are illustrated by about 157 of Mr. Hume's problems, though there are no special specimens which show the influence of the Bohemian school on his work. In nearly every position one finds something piquant and clear cut, and there is throughout evidence that the author favours exploiting veins of strategy, rather to the exclusion of constructional fineness. This is seen by the number of Self-Mates met in the selection (about one half), and some half a dozen "Fancies." There are twenty-eight problems composed in collaboration. The book is illumined by an excellent portrait of the composer, and the comments on the problems, written by Mr. A. C. White, are instructive and entertaining.

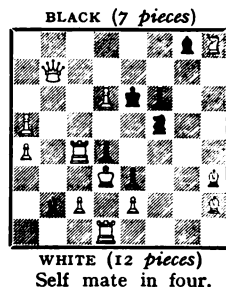
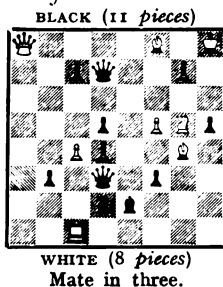
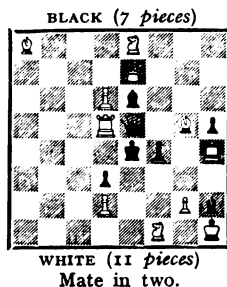
Mr. White in his Foreword makes the following ominous reference: "When the day comes that Mr. Hume feels the burden of this labour of love" (referring to his help in the production of Mr. White's publications) "and asks that the burdens be no longer crowded on his shoulders, just that very day the Series will automatically lapse."

Apart from other considerations it is to be ardently hoped that the day is very much in the future when such a cessation of activities must occur.

We give below three problems which will give a good idea of the capability of Mr. Hume as a composer.

The book is excellently presented by the Office of *The Chess Amateur*, Stroud.

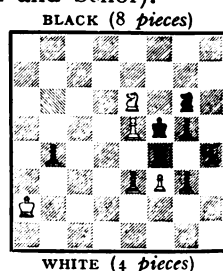
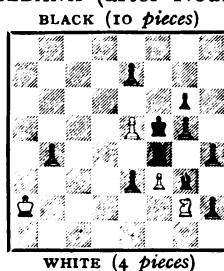
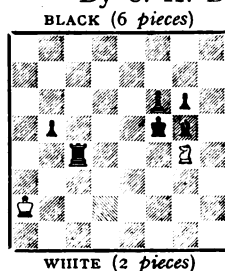
By G. HUME.



In justice to the authors of the Help-Mate we reproduced last September (page 399), and the ill-chosen version (which lacked the "switch-back" incident) given in November (page 486), we think it right to quote from a letter received from Messrs. Neukomm and Schor: "Concerning the 'remodelling' of our Help-Mate by Mr. Brockelbank, we venture the following remarks: (1) His version does not contain the strategic idea of our problem, namely (a) In B's version Black's second move P b4 not only cuts off the Black Rook, but also unguards the square c4. This is not 'zweckrein' according to German terminology; (b) the characteristic double-switchback feature of our prize winner is completely lost. (2) Brockelbank's version has many cooks" and these are given.

Mr. Brockelbank has worked around this prize Help-Mate problem and produced a number of settings to show that with or without the switch-back device better economy could be effected. He has corrected the position we printed as shown below and we give also two other cases where the switchback feature is retained, one with Bishop and Rook, the other with Knight and Rook.

By C. H. BROCKELBANK (after Neukomm and Schor).



Black to play and help White to mate in four moves.

In reference to the Bristol Chess Problem Club to which we made mention last month, Mr. Mansfield writes us that it has a modest membership of just over a dozen, half being quite expert solvers and budding composers which form a good nucleus. Meetings are held monthly during the winter, but so far the activities have been confined to two and three-movers, though occasionally "tolerating" a self-mate. With this promising beginning it is hoped good results may crown the efforts which are being made to popularise the problem in Bristol. Mr. Mansfield may be relied upon as a competent mentor.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

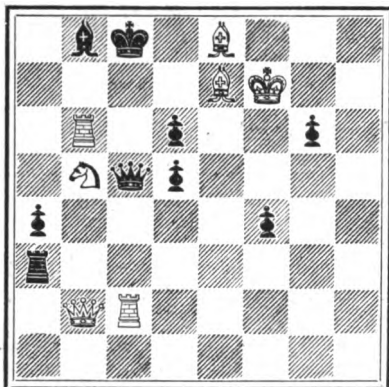
Problems (November) 2,539 to 2,542—(December) 2,543 to 2,546 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (160) 5-5-10-10 (190) 5-5-10-5 (215); R. W. Clark (Canada) (155); †A. T. Cannell (480) 5-5-10-10 (510), 5-5-10-5 (535); *W. H. Cutland (585 + Oct. 30 = 615); J. W. Davis (240) 5-5-10-10 (270), 5-5-10-5 (295); *J. C. Deilien (230) 5-5-10-10 (260), 5-0-10-5 (280); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) (125) 5-5-10-10 (155), 5-5-10-5 (180); J. Espinosaf (Barcelona) (40 + Sept. and Oct. 30 = 70); A. Galbraith (135 + 25 Oct. = 160); **Albert H. Haddy (575) 5-5-10-10 (605), 5-5-10-5 (630); *Rev. F. D. O'D. Hoare (30); Iyer, N.N. Subramania (Malabar, India) (Oct. 30) 5-5-10-10 (60), 5-5-10-5 (85); ††G. Stillingfleet Johnson (165), 5-5-10-10 (195), 5-5-10-5 (220); *N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (30 + 30 Oct. = 60) 5-5-10-10 (90); †Frederick Lee (290) 5-5-10-10 (320) 5-5-10-5 (345); *J. A. Lewis (590) 5-5-10-10 (620), 5-5-10-5 (25); *Hubert Lees (70 + Sept. and Oct. 60 = 130); T. N. R. Leistikow (285); D. Murray (505) 5-5-10-10 (535), 5-5-10-5 (360); *Johannes Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (395) 5-5-10-10 (425); †A. Peacock (170) 5-5-10-10 (200), 5-5-10-5 (225); E. W. Punnett (305 + Oct. 20 = 325) 0-0-10-0 (335), 5-5-10-5 (360); T. Rosenfield (455) 5-5-10-10 (485), 5-5-10-5 (510); G. V. Secthpathy Rau (Madras) (Sept. and Oct. 55); Rev. J. Schipper (335) 5-5-10-10 (365), 5-5-0-5 (380); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110); *'"Tiro"' (Ribe, Denmark) (0) 5-5-10-10 (30); R. G. Tyzack (285) 5-5-10-10 (315), 5-5-10-5 (340); A. C. Vaughan (415) 5-5-10-10 (445), 5-5-10-5 (470); Rev. E. Wells (315) 5-5-10-10 (345), 5-5-10-5 (370); W. A. Way (Malay States) (475 + Sept. and Oct. 60 = 435) 5-5-10-10 (465); H. A. Warwell (145) 5-5-10-10 (175), 5-5-0-5 (190).

We have had to correct a mistake we made in W. A. Way's score as far back as last October. W. H. Cutland's solutions for October arrived after we had made up the score in December. His total of 615 would have given him precedence over "Tiro's" score of 610. J. A. Lewis' 620 gives him first place for November and A. H. Haddy's 630 first for December.

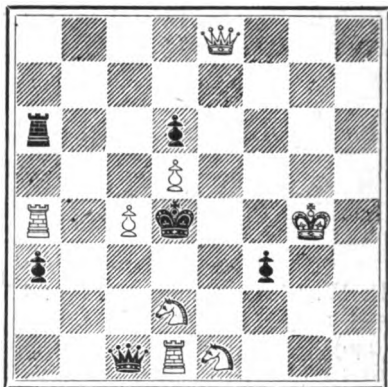
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,551.

By KARL NIELSEN
(Ribe, Denmark).BLACK (9 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

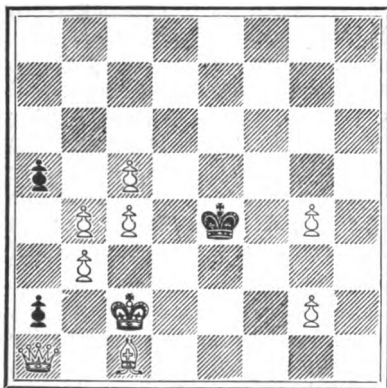
White mates in two moves.

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By A. ELLERMAN
(Buenos Aires).BLACK (6 *pieces*)WHITE (8 *pieces*)

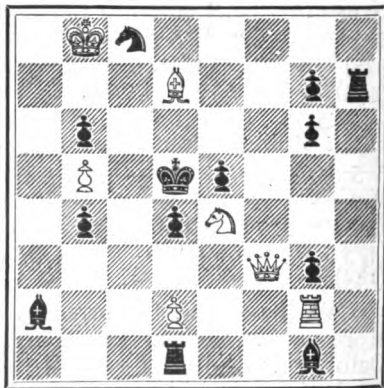
White mates in two moves.

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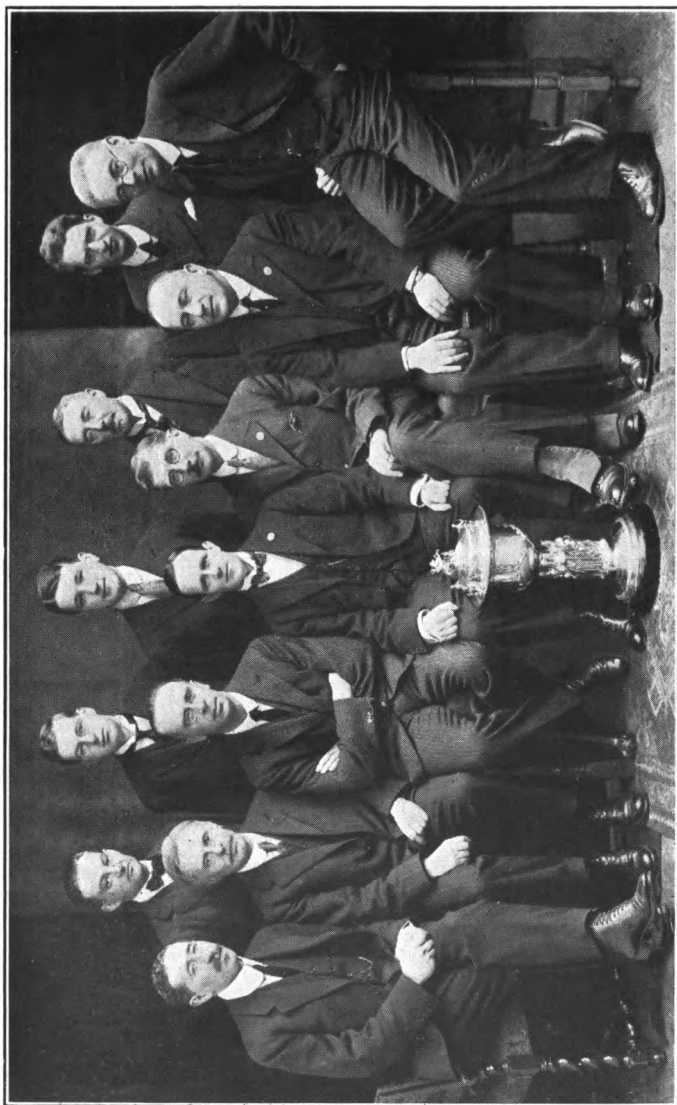
By Dr. F. RDUCH
(Czernowitz).BLACK (3 *pieces*)WHITE (9 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,554.

By K. A. L. KUBBEL
(Leningrad).BLACK (12 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

White mates in four moves.



MIDDLESEX COUNTY TEAM—ENGLISH CHAMPIONS, 1925.
Standing (Left to Right)—DR. F. S. DUNCAN, M. E. GOLDSTEIN, V. BUEGER, G. W. RICHMOND, R. F. GOLDSTEIN.
Sitting (Left to Right)—H. SAUNDERS, A. E. MERCER, E. G. SERGEANT, H. MEER (*Match Captain*),
 R. C. GRIFFITH (*President*), B. E. SIEGHEIM, E. BUSVINE (*Secretary*).
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NORTHERN COUNTIES' CHESS UNION.

At Manchester, on January 16th, Lancashire amply revenged their defeat by Yorkshire last season. They scored 18 games to 8, leaving 4 for adjudication. Only 3 wins in thirty boards came Yorkshire's way, these being at boards 8, 10 and 11.

The Lancashire team was very strong right down to the last board, and if they can command the services of these players in the final, the Southern Counties will have to look to their laurels. Yorkshire were without many of their best players and the result was practically a foregone conclusion.

For years only three counties have competed for the N.C.C.U. championship, Cheshire making a good third to the red and white rose teams respectively. Although Cheshire have never won it, they have frequently extended their opponents to the utmost. This season, however, has witnessed the advent of a new and welcome rival, Durham. This county put up a fine fight against Cheshire at the Gambit Café, Leeds, on January 16th, and only lost by 1 point.

Much of the credit for this satisfactory state of affairs is due to Mr. Barton-Eckett, who appears to be as good an organiser as he is a player. The reappearance of T. P. Jones after many years' absence was a pleasure to all his friends.

Score : Lancashire v. Yorkshire :—

LANCASHIRE.			YORKSHIRE.		
1	E. Cohen (Manchester) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. E. Atkins (Huddersfield) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	V. L. Wähltuch (Manchester)	*	C. R. Gurnhill (Sheffield) ..	*	
3	E. Spencer (Liverpool) ..	1	T. A. Staynes (Bradford) ..	0	
4	J. A. Lewis (Liverpool) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Atkinson (Hull) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	D. Joseph (Manchester) ..	1	F. Schofield (Leeds) ..	0	
6	Dr. Holmes (Liverpool) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Foulds (Bradford) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	T. Kelly (Manchester) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. W. Hodgkinson (Bradford) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	C. Y. C. Dawbarn (Liverpool)	0	E. Dale (Sheffield) ..	1	
9	H. G. Rhodes (Southport) ..	1	C. E. Wenyon (Huddersfield)	0	
10	Arthur Eva (Manchester) ..	0	G. Pollard (Dewsbury) ..	1	
11	S. Keir (Lancaster) ..	0	F. A. Amies (Pontefract) ..	1	
12	Prof. Robinson (Manchester)	*	W. Davy (Doncaster) ..	*	
13	A. R. B. Thomas (Waterloo)	1	H. J. Lofthouse (Huddersfield)	0	
14	A. Eva (Southport) ..	1	H. A. Cadman (Huddersfield) ..	0	
15	R. W. Houghton (Manchester)	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Croysdale (Leeds) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
16	E. A. Greig (Manchester) ..	1	J. Orange (Sheffield) ..	0	
17	H. J. C. Herrick (Manchester)	1	H. Wortley (Leeds) ..	0	
18	Rev. H. Peach (Liverpool) ..	*	F. Davy (Doncaster) ..	*	
19	T. H. Storey (Liverpool) ..	1	L. A. Skelton (Ilkley) ..	0	
20	A. F. Morrell (Manchester) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Staynes (Bradford) ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
21	C. F. Burslem (Manchester) ..	1	R. A. Sturgeon (Bradford) ..	0	

LANCASHIRE.				YORKSHIRE.			
22	Dr. Edge (Manchester)	..	1	M. Andrew (Leeds)	..	1	
23	W. Turner (Manchester)	..	1	W. F. Curtis (Leeds)	..	0	
24	C. Lobel (Manchester)	..	*	C. G. Addingley (Pontefract)	..	*	
25	W. J. Crosby (Liverpool)	..	1	J. B. Horsham (Keighley)	..	0	
26	A. Laserson (Manchester)	..	1	L. Berenblum (Leeds)	..	0	
27	W. R. Thomas (Waterloo)	..	1	H. Greenwood (Huddersfield)	..	0	
28	A. C. Haines (Lancaster)	..	1	G. M. Reid (Scarbro')	..	1	
29	T. Marsden (Blackburn)	..	1	F. M. Bassano (Huddersfield)	..	1	
30	G. Hildred (Preston)	..	1	B. H. L. Oliver (Rotherham)	..	1	
18				8			

* To be adjudicated.

Score : Cheshire v. Durham :—

CHESHIRE.					DURHAM.				
1	F. J. Macdonald	..	..	½	F. W. Yielder	..	..	½	
2	H. Farnsworth	..	..	0	B. Barton-Eckett	..	..	1	
3	M. Sutcliffe	..	..	1	T. P. Jones	..	..	0	
4	J. Kay	..	..	½	R. S. Friends	..	..	½	
5	S. Broadbridge	..	..	1	A. W. P. Tulip	..	..	0	
6	P. N. Wallis	..	..	1	D. Cook	..	..	0	
7	J. B. Slater	..	..	1	Rev. C. C. W. Sumner	..	..	0	
8	F. Wilde	..	..	0	R. H. Blomfield	..	..	1	
9	H. Sutcliffe	..	..	0	A. W. W. Tulip	..	..	1	
10	J. Whitworth	..	..	0	G. W. Plater	..	..	1	
11	W. Coombs	..	..	½	C. T. Wanless	..	..	½	
12	J. O. Gray	..	..	1	H. E. Peardon	..	..	1	
13	A. Martindale	..	..	1	E. Slater	..	..	0	
14	J. P. Angold	..	..	1	S. Daintry	..	..	0	
15	G. A. Croft	..	..	0	J. Ayton	..	..	1	
8					7				

MIDLAND COUNTIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

Of the eight counties who entered for the competition, the four survivors were Worcester, Stafford, Warwick and Oxford, and the semi-finals in which these teams were opposed were played on February 6th.

Worcester played Stafford at the Midland Institute, Birmingham, and won by $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$. Full score :—

WORCESTERSHIRE.					STAFFORDSHIRE.				
1	E. E. Westbury	..	..	0	H. E. Price	..	..	..	1
2	W. C. Roberts	..	..	0	B. Heastie	..	..	..	1
3	L. C. Munn	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. C. Short	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	A. James	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. J. G. Butcher	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	M. A. Prentice	..	..	1	K. Henn	..	..	..	0
6	Rev. A. P. Lacy Hulbert	..	..	0	J. H. Beebee	..	..	..	1
7	C. H. Knight	..	..	1	F. Beebee	..	..	..	0
8	E. F. Fardon	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Bowden	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	G. C. Brown	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	G. Frost	..	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$
10	F. G. Hale	..	..	1	W. Barker	..	..	..	0
11	D. W. Wooldridge	..	..	1	J. H. Boulton	..	..	..	0
12	B. C. Ashford	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. P. Pounce	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	J. E. Dutton	..	..	1	F. Lambert	..	..	..	0
14	Prof. F. Tillyard	..	..	1	J. W. Wall	..	..	..	0
15	Rev. F. W. H. Guttridge	..	..	0	S. A. H. Burne	..	..	..	1
16	A. Brace	..	..	0	S. Morton	..	..	..	1
8 $\frac{1}{2}$					7 $\frac{1}{2}$				

* Adjudicated.

Warwick v. Oxford took place at 7 Commercial Street, Oxford, the 'Varsity team (as it practically was, only four players not being 'varsity men) playing up well and just losing by $9\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$.

WARWICKSHIRE.

1	A. J. Mackenzie	..	..	..	0
2	F. H. Terrill	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	A. F. Kallaway	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	A. R. Chamberlain	..	..	..	1
5	F. H. Morris	..	..	..	1
6	E. B. Conway	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	G. H. Edwards	..	..	..	1
8	F. J. Roden	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	R. Filkin	..	..	..	1
10	P. C. Littlejohn	..	..	..	0
11	A. J. Bollen	..	..	..	1
12	J. W. Wilder	..	..	..	1
13	W. T. Baylis	..	..	..	0
14	P. Allender	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	F. P. Harper	..	..	..	1
16	R. H. Bridgewater	..	..	..	0
17	P. A. Ursell	..	..	..	0
18	H. W. Clark	..	..	..	0

 $9\frac{1}{2}$

OXFORDSHIRE.

	T. H. Tylor	..	..	..	1
	G. S. A. Wheatcroft	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	D. M. Morrah	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	G. Abrahams	..	..	..	0
	R. W. Bonham	..	..	..	0
	K. H. Bancroft	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	A. H. Crothers	..	..	..	0
	A. W. Stonier	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	G. R. Michell	..	..	..	0
	N. Baliol-Scott	..	..	..	1
	H. F. Sutherland	..	..	..	0
	G. Costigan	..	..	..	0
	R. Moss	..	..	..	1
	S. Date	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	F. E. Cutler-Jones	..	..	..	0
	Baron Perenyi	..	..	..	1
	J. MacPherson	..	..	..	1
	Mrs. A. Sollas	..	..	..	1

 $8\frac{1}{2}$

Thus the final will be between Warwickshire and Worcestershire ; old rivals who always give each other a good game.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES' CHESS UNION.

In the Western groups Devon, having beaten Cornwall, and Somerset, who had accounted for Gloucester (on the tape) tried conclusions at Taunton on January 23rd. Somerset won handsomely as the following score indicates :—

SOMERSET.

1	Capt. P. D. Bolland	..	..	1
2	Herbert Parsons	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Rev. A. W. Poynton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	R. M. Norman	..	..	1
5	C. Breakwell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	J. L. Palmer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	J. Blair	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	B. T. Barker	..	..	1
9	Comm. R. D. Graham	..	..	1
10	L. Vine	..	..	1
11	F. Melhuish	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	G. F. Spencer	..	..	1
13	E. G. Rodway	..	..	1
14	S. Hull	..	..	1
15	H. Powell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
16	J. D. Howell	..	..	0

 $11\frac{1}{2}$

DEVON.

	T. Taylor	..	..	..	0
	H. V. Mallinson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	R. M. Bruce	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	A. B. Treloar	..	..	..	0
	H. J. Stretton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	F. Pitt-Fox	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	Dr. L. Lander	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	A. J. Roberts	..	..	..	0
	Rev. A. Seymour	..	..	..	0
	W. Ball	..	..	..	0
	A. J. Friend	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	R. W. Hornbrook	..	..	..	0
	R. V. Clarke	..	..	..	0
	W. Langdon	..	..	..	0
	A. H. Hart	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
	Alan M. Pearson	..	..	..	1

 $4\frac{1}{2}$

This win puts Somerset into the final of the Montague Jones cup, of which they are the present holders.

The final will be played on March 13th at Salisbury, the opposition being provided by Hampshire. Whoever wins this match is entitled to play the leader of the Metropolitan group for the Union championship, the date of the fixture being April 17th.

In the Eastern groups, Berks. and Herts. drew their match at St. Bride's on January 23rd, the former county surviving for the semi-final. So Berkshire met Hampshire (who had beaten Dorset) on February 13th, and as usual the naval county's tail found extreme difficulty in keeping pace with its head! Hants scored $6\frac{1}{2}$ out of the first seven games finished, and very curiously these results were on boards 1 to 7. After four games had been adjudicated, the final score read: Hants 9, Berks. 7, so Hampshire will try their luck against Somerset in the final.

HAMPSHIRE.				BERKSHIRE.			
1	J. H. Blake	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Neale	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	W. Winter	..	1	P. J. Lawrence	..	0	
3	F. J. H. Elwell	..	1	H. Lyford	..	0	
4	F. N. Braund	..	1	W. O. C. Stuchbery	..	0	
5	C. T. Bennett	..	0	L. A. Rumble	..	1	
6	F. A. Joyce	..	1	J. H. Van Meurs	..	0	
7	A. Hayes	..	1	E. J. Brooks	..	0	
8	H. D. Lloyd	..	0	G. H. Caws	..	1	
9	A. B. Coe	..	0	D. M. Polley	..	1	
10	H. A. Way	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Runham	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11	W. J. Fry	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. Dobson	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
12	Rev. W. Proctor	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. B. Hamilton	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13	J. S. West	..	0	E. Lancaster Jones	..	1	
14	J. S. Flower	..	1	E. R. Farmer	..	0	
15	A. H. Yerbury	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. H. Kingham	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
16	E. Clayton	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. M. Arrowsmith	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9				7			

We also give the score of the Hertfordshire and Berkshire match. One cannot help feeling sympathy for the team which includes the donor of the Montague Jones cup, that so small a margin again robs them of the chance to compete for its possession.

Herts. v. Berks. at St. Bride's, on January 23rd:—

HERTFORDSHIRE.				BERKSHIRE.			
1	Sir Edgar Wigram	..	0	F. W. Neale	..	1	
2	A. G. Fellows	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. J. Lawrence	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	G. T. Womack	..	0	H. Lyford	..	1	
4	E. J. Fairchild	..	*0	L. A. Rumble	..	*1	
5	L. S. Penrose	..	0	J. H. Van Meurs	..	1	
6	Jos. Burgess	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. J. Brooks	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	Major Jones	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	D. M. Polley	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	
8	P. Clarkson	..	1	H. Runham	..	0	
9	L. S. Bush	..	1	E. R. Farmer	..	0	
10	A. E. Cozens	..	1	G. M. Arrowsmith	..	0	
11	D. L. James	..	1	S. F. Peirson	..	0	
12	P. J. Read	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. B. Hamilton	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13	R. E. Webb	..	0	E. Lancaster Jones	..	1	
14	Capt. Jacklin	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	C. G. Greenfield	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	
15	E. H. Martin	..	1	W. Bell	..	0	
16	C. K. Trotter	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. J. Wheeler	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8				8			

The score when Surrey met and overcame Essex (Central Hall, February 6th), was as follows:—

SURREY.				ESSEX.			
1	T. H. Robertson	..	1	E. W. Osler	..	1	1
2	R. P. Michell	..	1	E. G. Twichett	..	1	1
3	H. B. Uber	..	1	F. W. Markwick	..	1	0
4	W. Gooding	..	1	W. O. Woodfield	..	1	1
5	F. F. L. Alexander	..	1	H. A. Melvin	..	1	1
6	H. C. Griffiths	..	1	G. Freeman	..	1	0
7	E. Macdonald	..	1	G. F. Hawkins	..	1	0
8	A. Fletcher	..	0	W. H. Taylor	..	1	1
9	R. H. Birch	..	1	F. A. Sisley	..	1	1
10	B. H. N. Stronach	..	1	Aylmer Maude	..	1	0
11	H. G. Felce	..	1	J. G. Hayes	..	1	1
12	W. L. Brierley	..	1	E. W. Hart	..	1	0
13	P. Howell	..	1	R. C. Harvey	..	1	1
14	L. Alexander	..	1	R. H. Bayley	..	1	0
15	A. Curnock	..	1	W. G. Elsmore	..	1	0
16	E. W. Davies	..	1	B. T. Mumford	..	1	0
11½				4½			

In the Metropolitan group, everything depended on the result of the match between Middlesex and Surrey at St. Bride's Institute, on February 20th. Surrey were at a slight disadvantage in that they had dropped half a point to Kent, while Middlesex had accounted for all their rivals (Kent, Essex and Sussex).

The first result was a win for Middlesex at board 15. This was followed by a draw between Birnberg and H. G. Felce at board 11, while R. C. Griffith and L. P. Rees divided the honours at board 9. A draw on the top board brought the score to 2½—1½. Yet another draw; this time by the Senior Felce, and then Surrey won two very useful games. Barlow at board 4 succeeded in turning an ugly, cramped game into a win, while Alexander, who for a long time had the worst of the position, suddenly crumpled his opponent completely. A win at board 16 saw Surrey leading by 5½—3½. At this point Walker won a Rook and the challengers' chances became very rosy. Macdonald was the Exchange up, Fletcher had an extra Pawn and Griffiths was attacking strongly.

SURREY.				MIDDLESEX.			
1	T. H. Robertson (White)	..	1	M. E. Goldstein	..	1	1
2	R. P. Michell	..	1	B. E. Sieghelm	..	1	1
3	H. B. Uber	..	1	E. G. Sergeant	..	1	0
4	H. S. Barlow	..	1	H. Saunders	..	1	1
5	R. C. J. Walker	..	1	G. W. Richmond	..	1	0
6	F. F. L. Alexander	..	1	V. Buerger	..	1	0
7	E. Macdonald	..	1	A. E. Mercer	..	1	1
8	H. C. Griffiths	..	1	J. H. Morrison	..	1	1
9	L. P. Rees	..	1	R. C. Griffith	..	1	1
10	G. A. Felce	..	1	J. Du Mont	..	1	1
11	H. G. Felce	..	1	J. Birnberg	..	1	1
12	B. H. N. Stronach	..	1	A. West	..	1	1
13	A. Fletcher	..	1	W. H. Regan	..	1	0
14	W. L. Brearley	..	1	W. H. Watts	..	1	1
15	G. F. Mitchell	..	0	Dr. F. S. Duncan	..	1	1
16	R. H. Birch	..	1	W. E. Bonwick	..	1	0
10				6			

When Richmond resigned the score was $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$, and the Middlesex executive saw that the game was up. At the call of time, most of the unfinished games were agreed drawn, as Surrey were bound to win. A feature of the match was that five players relied on the Sicilian defence. Only one of these secured a win, but the other five drew. It was marvellous that so powerful a team as the champion county put in the field should have only won one game outright.

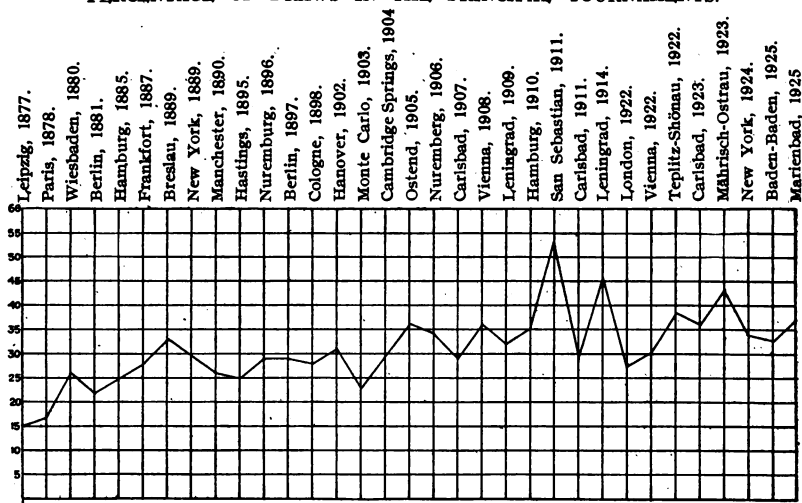
DRAWN GAMES IN TOURNAMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR—The question of the played-out-ness and alteration of chess is one to which you wisely decided to close your columns over a year ago, and the Moscow tournament has now still further discounted the anxieties of the played-out party.

However, having made the attached graph for my own amusement I thought it might be of some interest to others, as by far the most potent argument—I mean *form* of argument—that can be brought to bear on the question.

PERCENTAGE OF DRAWS IN THE PRINCIPAL TOURNAMENTS.



It covers 33 of the larger international tournaments over a period of 48 years. Some dozen or two other tournaments are omitted because either defaulting rendered the calculations less worth while or, in a few cases, the full table of scores was not to hand.

There is unquestionably a slight upward trend in the number of draws, *i.e.*, in the percentage of draws. Such as it is, however, it is probably to be accounted for by the fact that conditions are increasingly such as to discourage the second-raters from entering the tournaments at all, and thus the main cause of a low percentage, *viz.*, wholesale slaughter of the weaker by the stronger, is less in evidence. Thus the great percentage of draws at San Sebastian, 1911, is due to the players being of very great, and more or less equal, strength.

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December 24th, 1925.

Very truly yours,
REGINALD B. COOKE.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

The big match between Middlesex and Kent for the Amboyna and Ebony Shields was played at the Central Hall, Westminster, on February 6th. Middlesex repeated their previous success on the top 50 boards, which count for the Amboyna Shield, Mr. Meek securing the services of a stronger team than usual. Kent, although led from the onset, fought back very pluckily, and adjudications reduced their deficit to 4.

It was anticipated that Kent would go very near towards repeating last year's triumph on the full 100 boards, when they won the match and the Ebony Shield for the year; but contrary to expectations Middlesex won this with enough to spare, the margin in their favour being $59\frac{1}{2}$ - $40\frac{1}{2}$. An additional 43 boards of a friendly nature were played, and on the whole 143 boards Middlesex won by 87-56. With the 102 players in the Surrey-Essex match, no less than 388 chess players were assembled in the same hall. If Middlesex can succeed in defeating Surrey on 50 and 100 boards in the March encounter, they will hold both Shields for the year.

After the match the Middlesex Chess Association held a Social during the evening, to which members and their friends were invited; and many Kent players took advantage of this to swell the numbers of the audience. After a reception by the President of the Middlesex Association and Mrs. Griffith, a musical entertainment was provided by Mr. R. C. Griffith, and the audience were not slow to express their appreciation of the artists, Miss V. Griffith and Mr. Sturdy, who both contributed several songs, Miss Carlill (violinist) and Mr. Mole (accompanist).

At the conclusion the Middlesex President, in a short speech, dwelt upon the urgent need of new members for the Association, to bring the members nearer those of Surrey and Kent, and appealed to those present to do their best to smooth away financial difficulties.

The function terminated with a pleasing ceremony in which Mr. H. Meek, the popular Match Captain, was presented with a clock (*not* a chess-clock, as some enthusiasts expected!) as a small token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of his county team and as a recognition of the hard work he has so cheerfully put in for the County. Middlesex shudder to think where they would be without Mr. Meek's ubiquitous services, and must enthusiastically endorsed the compliments paid to him. —

The committee of the Northern Counties Chess Union met on January 30th at the Manchester Club to consider the proposal put forward by Yorkshire for raising £350 to provide for the N.C.C.U. annual payment of £15 for National Congress purposes.

The counties represented were Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cheshire. The Cheshire delegate intimated that his county was in favour of the proposal but later on might suggest some reduction of the £100 suggested as its quota to the proposed fund. It was stated that the total number of chess players in Cheshire is considerably less than in either Yorkshire or in Lancashire.

The N.C.C.U. honorary secretary reported that the Lancashire Association had not yet discussed the scheme and it was therefore decided to defer further action until the Lancashire committee had reached a decision on the subject.

Oxford University v. Worcester College for the Blind (past and present).—Played at Oxford, February 2nd. A remarkably fine win for the College for the Blind.

WORCESTER COLLEGE FOR BLIND.				OXFORD UNIVERSITY.			
1	T. H. Tylor	..	I	A. W. Stonier	..	..	0
2	G. C. Brown	..	I	Absent	..	..	0
3	J. W. Thorburn	..	0	G. R. Mitchell	..	..	I
4	E. S. Woodley	..	0	H. F. Sutherland	..	..	I
5	R. W. Bonham	..	I	G. Costigan	..	..	0
6	V. C. Grimshaw	..	I	Baron Perenyi	..	..	0
7	M. Bates	..	I	A. J. Morrell	..	..	0
8	T. Hodgson	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. S. Edwards	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	R. Brearley	..	I	G. S. J. White	..	..	0
10	W. V. Miede	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. H. Linfoot	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	A. Brace	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. A. Moccatra	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	E. E. Davies	..	0	B. M. Hobby	..	..	I
13	C. D. Adams	..	I	E. O. T. Simpson	..	..	0
14	R. Cross	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Carling	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	R. Ash	..	I	C. Gath	..	..	0
16	C. E. Threlfall	..	0	P. J. W. Glasgow	..	..	I
10				6			

Christchurch visited Hastings on the 13th February. As usual this fixture evoked much interest, and both sides were well represented.

HASTINGS.				CHRISTCHURCH.			
1	G. M. Norman	..	I	W. Bridger	..	..	0
2	J. A. J. Drewitt	..	I	R. E. Lean	..	..	0
3	E. M. Jackson	..	I	J. Storr Best	..	..	0
4	H. J. Stephenson	..	0	E. G. Reed	..	..	I
5	Miss Menchik	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. H. Jones	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	G. F. H. Packer	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Castle Leaver	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	J. A. Watt	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. F. Chapman	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	H. E. Dobell	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Brook	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	W. H. King	..	0	C. J. A. Wade	..	..	I
10	Miss Ruchon	..	I	H. W. Butler	..	..	0
11	V. S. Ward	..	0	Dr. Varley	..	..	I
12	E. G. Taylor	..	I	H. T. Grover	..	..	0
13	E. J. Merrill	..	0	J. Chandler	..	..	I
14	P. J. Penny	..	I	E. E. Stockens	..	..	0
15	L. A. J. Glyde	..	I	F. Thompson	..	..	0
16	A. Clack	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. E. Smith	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
17	H. V. Bonham	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. T. Watson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
18	A. F. Kidney	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. H. Caw	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
19	Miss Musgrave	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. B. Goodfellow	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
20	W. E. Leffler	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Hollingdale	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11 $\frac{1}{2}$				8 $\frac{1}{2}$			

The Birmingham and District Chess League introduced a novelty this season in the form of a Knock-out Tourney for clubs in the First Division; with teams of seven-a-side.

There were eight entries and some close matches resulted, the Birmingham Chess Club only getting into the final at the expense of the Y.M.C.A. Club owing to the working of the "last board rule"—the original score being $3\frac{1}{2}$ each. Bohemians are the other finalists and the match should be a most interesting one.

On February 6th the Nottinghamshire men travelled to Lincoln and won a good match from the home team by 10 games to 5.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.					LINCOLNSHIRE.				
1	J. W. Broadbent	..	..	1	J. H. Todd	..	..	..	0
2	J. H. Dunford	..	..	1	H. Moss	..	..	..	0
3	A. Green	..	..	0	J. Brown	..	..	..	1
4	H. V. Hand	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. M. Sparke	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	G. E. Argyle	..	..	1	W. B. Keeling	..	..	..	0
6	C. N. Rushton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Parker	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	C. L. Haddon	..	..	1	H. H. Quilter	..	..	..	0
8	H. M. Sheppard	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Hardy	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	T. Y. Carter	..	..	1	E. J. Baldock	..	..	..	0
10	T. E. Wright	..	..	0	N. Green	..	..	..	1
11	R. L. Johnson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Lengden	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	C. L. Fretton	..	..	1	W. Harper	..	..	..	0
13	H. Holland	..	..	0	G. Sparke	..	..	..	1
14	H. W. Histon	..	..	1	J. E. Bond	..	..	..	0
15	S. B. Pickbourne	..	..	1	P. Hole	..	..	..	1
10					5				

The Manchester Chess Club sent a strong representative team to Birmingham on the 30th January for their annual fixture with the Birmingham Chess Club, and a close and enjoyable match resulted. Nineteen boards were occupied and the earlier results were much in favour of Birmingham, but Manchester steadily made up lost ground, and at the close of play the score was $8\frac{1}{2}$ each, with two games unfinished.

It seems likely that these games will give a further point to each side, so that the ultimate result will probably be a drawn match.

BIRMINGHAM.					MANCHESTER.				
1	A. J. Mackenzie	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. A. Fairhurst	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	A. R. Chamberlain	..	..	0	W. Turner	..	..	1	
3	E. B. M. Conway	..	..	0	A. F. Morell	..	..	1	
4	G. H. Edwards	..	..	*	G. H. Midgley	..	..	*	
5	F. J. Roden	..	..	1	C. F. Burslam	..	..	0	
6	H. G. T. Mitchell	..	..	0	T. Kelly	..	..	1	
7	A. J. Bollen	..	..	1	H. Learey	..	..	0	
8	K. Henn	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Eva	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	M. A. Prentice	..	..	1	A. L. Davidson	..	..	0	
10	P. Allender	..	..	1	P. N. Willis	..	..	0	
11	D. W. Wooldridge	..	..	0	Dr. F. A. St. John	..	..	1	
12	F. P. Harper	..	..	1	H. Barbasch	..	..	0	
13	R. A. V. Tayar	..	..	0	E. Toledano	..	..	1	
14	F. C. Whetnell	..	..	*	H. Hartley	..	..	*	
15	G. P. Smith	..	..	1	H. P. Huss	..	..	0	
16	H. S. Gepsill	..	..	0	J. Windsor-Burgess	..	..	1	
17	H. W. Tidball	..	..	0	A. Milner	..	..	1	
18	W. R. Hill	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Napper	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
19	F. W. Forrest	..	..	1	G. Bancroft	..	..	0	
8 $\frac{1}{2}$					8 $\frac{1}{2}$				

* For adjudication.

Edwin Woodhouse Cup Competition.—Bradford are making a bold bid this season for the blue ribbon of Yorkshire chess, and if they can win their return match with Sheffield, should realise their rising hopes.

BRADFORD.					LEEDS.				
1	T. A. Staynes	1	F. Schofield	1					
2	H. W. Hodgkinson	1	G. Pollard	0					
3	F. Betts	0	J. Croysdale	1					
4	H. L. Brooke	0	H. Wortley	1					
5	I. M. Brown	0	S. Leader	1					
6	W. Staynes	1	A. A. Williams	0					
7	T. Hillary	1	M. Andrew	0					
8	J. R. Deacon	1	C. Sandberg	1					
9	R. A. Sturgeon	1	W. F. Curtis	1					
10	J. B. Grew	1	H. J. T. Bake	0					
5½					4½				

Results to Date :—

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Matches.					Games.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.		W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Bradford	5	5	0	0	..	19	12	19	.. 10
Sheffield	6	4	1	1	..	26	12	22	.. 9
Leeds	6	3	3	0	..	24	20	16	.. 6
Huddersfield	4	0	3	1	..	11	15	14	.. 1
Rotherham	5	0	5	0	..	9	30	11	.. 0

Major E. Montague Jones, headmaster of St. Alban's School and honorary treasurer of the Southern Counties Chess Union, proposes to offer a Schools' Challenge Cup for chess in Hertfordshire. There are seventy playing members of the chess circle of St. Alban's Schools.

F. D. Yates played simultaneously against twenty-two members of the Hampstead Chess Club on Saturday, January 23rd, and despite there being such good players as A. E. Mercer, the club champion, V. Buerger, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Holloway, he won 18, drew 3 and lost 1 only, to S. J. Holloway. On January 25th playing against twenty-five members of the North London Chess Club, he won 21, drew 1 and lost to H. V. Buttfield, L. C. G. Dewing, H. C. Excell, C. E. Harris and E. D. Palmer.

On February 6th F. D. Yates gave a simultaneous display at Battersea to fourteen of the strongest players in the club. He won 12, drew 1, and lost 1 only (to G. Wernick). As Battersea are in the running for the "A" Division of the London League, this was a capital performance by the English master. Mr. Yates leaves on March 2nd for the Semmering International Tournament.

Mr. E. S. Tinsley, Chess Editor of *The Times*, requests us to state that he did not give the Wireless Talk on Chess on January 23rd. The credit for this belongs to his brother, Mr. Samuel Tinsley.

The following are the results of matches in the first round of the North Wales Chess Association Tournament :—

Played on January 27th, 1926, at the Y.M.C.A., Chester :

WREXHAM.				BANGOR UNIVERSITY.			
1	H. E. Copleston (Capt.)	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Protchard (Capt.)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	C. G. Caldecott	..	I	E. Rees	..	..	0
3	Sir L. B. Rowland	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. H. Ellis	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	E. Crosse	..	I	K. A. Hills	..	..	0
5	E. L. Rogers	..	I	G. E. Pierce	..	..	0
6	H. P. Harris	..	I	T. O. Williams	..	..	0
5				1			

Played on January 28th, 1926, at Bangor :

COLWYN BAY.				HOLYHEAD LIBERAL CLUB.			
1	E. D. Rowland (Capt.)	..	I	W. Thomas (Capt.)	..	..	0
2	Ll. A. Dann	..	I	W. Richards	..	..	0
3	F. Nunn	..	I	J. Bellis	..	..	0
4	C. E. Gostage	..	I	J. Jones	..	..	0
5	H. Evans	..	I	Idwal Ellis	..	..	0
6	H. Taylor	..	I	W. J. Roberts	..	..	0
6				0			

Scotland.—Teams representing Glasgow Ladies' Chess Club and Edinburgh Ladies' Chess Club met in Edinburgh on Saturday, 13th February, to play for the Robertson Cup. The result was as follows :—

GLASGOW LADIES.				EDINBURGH LADIES.			
1	Mrs. Brockett	..	I	Mrs. Ritchie	..	..	0
2	Mrs. W. Thomson	..	0	Mrs. Coast	..	..	I
3	Miss Wardhaugh	..	I	Miss Crum	..	..	0
4	Miss Edington	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Miss Malcolm	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	Mrs. Reid	..	I	Mrs. Sim	..	..	0
6	Mrs. J. F. Thomson	..	I	Mrs. Simpson	..	..	0
7	Mrs. McChlery	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Miss Kessan	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5				2			

Inter-City Match in Ireland: Dublin v. Belfast.—The great interest in chess throughout Ireland was well exemplified on February 7th, when a team of nineteen players travelled all the way from Dublin to Belfast to try conclusions with the Northern team on their own ground. How representative was the strength of the visitors was shown up by the final score which gave Dublin a win by $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$, truly a great performance.

The *Belfast News Letter*, a progressive paper which has done much to increase the popularity of chess, and which has often run its own teams in correspondence matches, most kindly lent us the photo-block of the Dublin team, and we have very great pleasure in reproducing it. Lack of time, unfortunately, prevented a picture of the Belfast team being also taken.

The match, which was last played in 1891, was organised by H. N. Bowesman (Dublin) and S. E. Manderson (Belfast), and each of these officials carried out his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

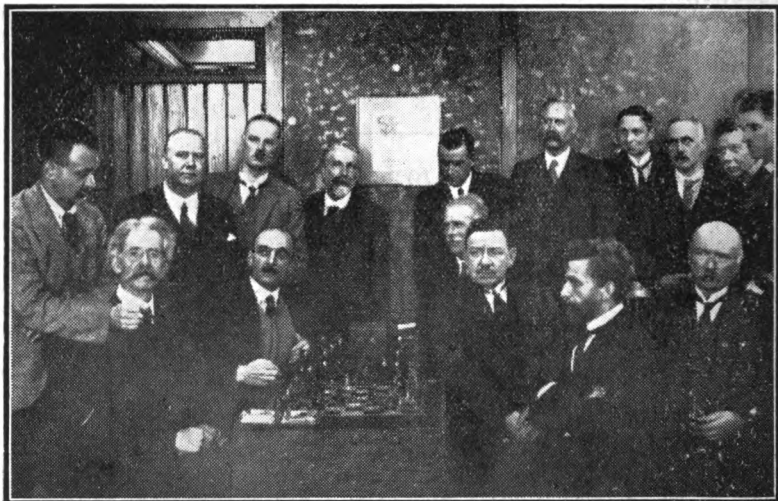
DUBLIN CHESS PLAYERS VISIT TO BELFAST.

By courtesy of "Belfast News Letter."

R. T. VARIAN.

H. N. BOWESMAN.

G. GERRARD.



J. TAYLOR.

T. BRETT.

T. G. CRANSTON.

J. CREEVEY.

P. BAKER.

CU ULADH.

After the unfinished games had been adjudicated, Mr. Bowesman, on behalf of the visitors, said he was glad to be able to say there was no boundary in regard to chess, and that their match had been carried on very cordially on both sides. In the cases where the games had been submitted to adjudication there was not one where the decision was not agreed to absolutely, and the entire series of games were carried on with perfect satisfaction to everybody concerned. On behalf of the Dublin players he wished to propose a hearty vote of thanks to their Belfast hosts for the kind manner in which they had received him, and for the excellent arrangements made for the match. He hoped it was only the beginning of pleasant intercourse in chess between the two cities.

Mr. Cranston, in seconding, said he had some previous experience here, and he was delighted with the hospitality of the Northern players. He hoped they could look forward to the return match being played in Dublin.

Belfast had the white pieces at the odd-numbered boards, and the openings in the order played were:—1 Ruy Lopez, 2 Queen's Pawn, 3 Ruy Lopez, 4 Queen's Pawn, 5 Vienna, 6 English, 7 Sicilian, 8 Alekhine's Defence, 9 Ruy Lopez, 10 Sicilian, 11 Vienna, 12 Ruy Lopez, 13 Bishop's Opening, 14 Bishop's Opening, 15 Alekhine, 16

King's Gambit, 17 Giuoco Piano, 18 Centre Counter, 19 Sicilian. Following are the results of the games :

DUBLIN.

1 P. Baker	0
2 T. G. Cranston	* $\frac{1}{2}$
3 N. H. Wallace	$\frac{1}{2}$
4 J. Creevey	*1
5 T. P. Kane	1
6 A. P. Watkinson	$\frac{1}{2}$
7 P. W. Whelan	$\frac{1}{2}$
8 H. M'llwaine	0
9 G. T. Gerrard	0
10 " Cu Uladh "	*0
11 R. T. Varian	1
12 L. P. Younglao	1
13 H. N. Bowesman	1
14 J. Taylor	1
15 G. B. Thrift	0
16 Maj. J. P. M. Cotter	1
16 A. Falkner	$\frac{1}{2}$
18 J. Reynolds	1
19 T. Brett	1

11 $\frac{1}{2}$

BELFAST.

J. J. O'Hanlon	1
Professor Williams	* $\frac{1}{2}$
H. Thomas	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. J. Allen	*0
A. S. Roper	0
J. W. Carey	$\frac{1}{2}$
A. Orr	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. H. Lloyd, M.A.	1
H. Gill	1
F. Dickinson	*1
F. H. Purdy	0
P. M'Mahon	0
S. Robinson	0
B. M'Cann	0
" Alpha "	1
R. J. Cairns	0
J. M'Meekin	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Montgomery	0
W. J. M'Caughan	0

7 $\frac{1}{2}$

We regret to hear that the proposed International Matches between Great Britain, France, Belgium and Holland, have had to be abandoned for the time being on account of the expense.

The present position of the clubs in the London Chess League is highly interesting. The dramatic defeat of Hampstead by Battersea last month changed the whole outlook of the competition. The Hampstead team appeared invincible, but if Battersea can beat them 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ —7 $\frac{1}{2}$, why not others? Scores to date of leaders :—

	Won.	Lost.		Won.	Lost.
Hampstead	7	1	Lud-Eagle	7	2
North London	9	2	West London	7	3
Battersea	8	2	Metropolis	6	4
Brixton	7	2			

It will be seen that Hampstead still stand best on paper, but they have to meet Brixton, Lud-Eagle, North London, and West London.

Hampstead Chess Club v. Cambridge University Chess Club.

HAMPSTEAD.

1 W. Winter	1
2 A. E. Mercer	0
3 R. C. Griffith	0
4 R. F. Goldstein	1
5 W. H. Watts	1
6 E. M. Jellie	1
7 E. Williams	1
8 E. Busvine	0
9 F. L. Hall	1

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.

A. R. B. Thomas	0
H. J. C. Herrick	1
P. S. Milner-Barry	1
J. A. Herrick	0
P. Sherman	0
R. C. Weaver	0
M. A. Vernon	0
V. Coates	1
J. Pepper	0

3

time. They made a promising start by defeating the Conservative Club by $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$, the following being the full score :

BRITISH EMPIRE.

1 G. Devine	I
2 H. A. H. Carson	I
3 M. Chester	I
4 H. Cumming	I
5 H. W. Carson	$\frac{1}{2}$
6 C. B. Sharpe	0

$4\frac{1}{2}$

CONSERVATIVE.

C. A. Montgomerie	0
O. S. Cleverly	0
G. Weston	0
W. Donald	0
Rev. C. Graham Montgomery ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
E. Robinson	I

$1\frac{1}{2}$

They came to grief rather badly however at their second venture, going down to the Junior Constitutional by $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$!

JUNIOR CONSTITUTIONAL.

1 W. Hughes	I
2 H. P. Colebatch	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 H. C. Pressland	I
4 W. J. Rundle	I
5 Capt. C. C. Collier	I
6 T. A. McIntyre	I

$5\frac{1}{2}$

BRITISH EMPIRE.

H. A. H. Carson	0
H. W. Carson	$\frac{1}{2}$
M. Chester	0
R. C. Petter	0
H. Cummings	0
C. B. Sharp	0

$\frac{1}{2}$

The championship of the City of London Chess Club, now nearing completion, is in a very interesting position, and the actual order of the prize-winners will only be determined by the results in the final round.

The leading scores, with the number of games unfinished in parenthesis, are : J. H. Blake $8\frac{1}{2}$ (2), W. Gooding 8 (1), R. C. J. Walker 8 finished, R. P. Michell $7\frac{1}{2}$ (2), E. G. Sergeant $5\frac{1}{2}$ (3). Both Michell and Sergeant are a Pawn ahead in their adjourned games with Goldstein, and Blake has the inferior game against Buerger.

In the first round, to be played on March 2nd, Blake fittingly enough plays Michell; Gooding's opponent is Goldstein, and Sergeant's is Barlow.

The full programme of the West of England Chess Festival at Weston-super-Mare is now issued. It commences on Easter Monday, April 3rd, and lasts till the following Saturday. Entries should be sent before March 27th, for one of the following tournaments :—

1, Major Open Tournament; entrance fee 15/-; 1st prize £12, 2nd £8, 3rd £4.

2, First Class Open Tournament; entrance fee 10/-; 1st prize £8, 2nd £5, 3rd £3.

3, Second Class Open Tournament; entrance fee 7/6; 1st prize 2nd £5, 2nd £3, 3rd £2.

4, Third Class Open Tournament; entrance fee 5/-; 1st prize £4, 2nd £2, 3rd £1.

Mr. F. D. Yates will not be able to play as he is going to the Semmering Tournament, but already many good players (including two European masters) have entered.

Entry forms may be obtained from the secretary, J. D. Howell, 9 Beach Road, Weston-super-Mare.

The Scarborough tournament will last from May 22nd to 29th and reference to our advertisement pages will show what arrangements have been made by the enterprising hon. secretary, Mr. G. M. Reid.

It is now definite that Alekhine will compete ; he and Madame Alekhine will be staying at the Pavilion Hotel. There is every hope that Sir George Thomas will be able to attend.

Sixth Annual Boys' Easter Congress at Hastings.—The committee of the Hastings Chess Club invite entries for their Annual Boys' Congress, which will be held at the Club Rooms, from Monday, April 12th, until Saturday, April 17th. The competitors will be arranged in sections, the sectional winners playing a final for the boys' championship. Prizes will be given in each section valued at £1 and 10/- and in the final £4, £3, £2 and £1. Consolation tournaments will also be arranged for all competitors who fail to qualify for the final, and a prize valued at 10/- will be given in each section, to the winner. The competition is limited to boys of British birth, whose eighteenth birthday is on 1st May, 1926, or later. Arrangements will be made, if necessary, for boys to stay at a local hotel, owned by a member of the club, at a moderate charge. The hon. secretary will be pleased to give any further particulars, if required, and it will greatly facilitate the work of the committee if entries, accompanied by the entrance fee of 2/6, be sent to the hon. secretary, Boys' Congress sub-committee, address above, as soon as possible. In addition an evening tournament will be held at the club from Tuesday, April 6th, until Saturday, April 10th ; entrance fee, 1/-. The age limit is the same as for the championship, but the entrants will be placed in sections according to age, the date of birth being stated on a competitor's entry.

Alekhine in England.—Monsieur Alekhine (now a naturalised Frenchman and an official representative of French chess), remained in this country for a short time after his success at Hastings. On January 9th he spent the afternoon at the Imperial Chess Club playing Kriegspiel and beat every one of his opponents. On the 12th he visited Luton, Bedfordshire, the headquarters of the smallest association in the Southern Counties Chess Union, but one of the most progressive. Playing 30 games, he won the two which were conducted blindfold, together with 26 others, drawing the remaining two.

On the following Friday he was guest of Miss Price at the Gambit Chess Rooms, Budge Row, London ; and here again 28 games (two *sans voir*) were played, the opposition being on the strong side. The blindfold games (N. Schwarz and J. H. Kahn) were beautifully won, but two players (C. A. S. Damante and E. T. Bazell) scored wins against the master, while others secured draws.

Saturday, January 23rd, saw him at the Ladies' Athenaeum Club, 19 Stratford Place, London, where he attended to give a display to members of the Imperial Chess Club. His figures were wonderfully

good here : out of 24 games (two blindfold), he won 21 and drew 3 (with Miss Chater, one of the *sans voir* games ; M. E. Hughes-Hughes and A. N. Streatfeild).

His next appearance was at Birmingham, at the Council Room of the Midland Institute. Here he played 10 games, with two opponents consulting at each board, and two more blindfold. The only casualties against him were two drawn games !

His final performance was at the London Gambit, where he played 8 games, all blindfold, against some of the best players. The large and interested crowd of onlookers saw him win every game in fine style.

THE FIRST BLINDFOLD SIMULTANEOUS GAMES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—With reference to Mr. Alekhine's recent brilliant display at the Gambit Chess Rooms, Budge Row, E.C., when he played eight games simultaneously blindfold, the following paragraph which I have just come across in a book entitled *Practical Chess Grammar* (W. S. Kenny, 1817) may be interesting.

This book belonged originally to George Hoar, whose coat of arms adorns the front page :—

"The celebrated Philidor reached such a point of perfection in the game of Chess that, at the age of eighteen he, in Paris, beat two good Chess-players at once, at different boards, without seeing them, playing entirely from strength of memory ; and afterwards in London, he twice conquered in a similar way three antagonists at the same time, each at a different board. From the London newspapers of May 9th, 1783, the following account is extracted, with the names of his respectable adversaries subjoined, which proves a *fact*, of which future ages might otherwise entertain some doubts. 'Yesterday at the Chess Club in St. James' Street, Mr. Philidor performed one of those wonderful exhibitions for which he is so much celebrated. He played at the same time three different games, without seeing either of the tables. His opponents were Count Bruhl, Mr. Bowdler and Mr. Maseres. To those who understand Chess, this exertion of Mr. Philidor's abilities must appear one of the greatest of which the human memory is susceptible. He goes through it with astonishing accuracy, and often corrects mistakes in those who have the board before them. Mr. Philidor sits with his back to the tables, and some gentleman present who takes his part, informs him of the move of his antagonist, and then, by his direction plays his pieces.' "

In passing, it may be news to many players that stalemate used to constitute a win in this country, as in draughts, while it was considered a draw on the Continent.

Yours truly,

67 WOODSTOCK ROAD,

G. E. FULSTOW.

GOLDERS GREEN, N.W.II. 8th February, 1926.

OLD SUBSCRIBERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR,—With reference to what Mr. Whiting says in January *B.C.M.*, page 24, about having subscribed for *B.C.M.* thirty-six years, I have been a subscriber from the start, and have paid for every number as I never exchanged with *B.C.M.* I think I have now paid for forty-six years. Nobody, of course, can beat that record. There may be others who have done the same, probably Mr. J. G. White, of Cleveland, U.S.A., who has bought everything connected with chess literature.

Yours faithfully,

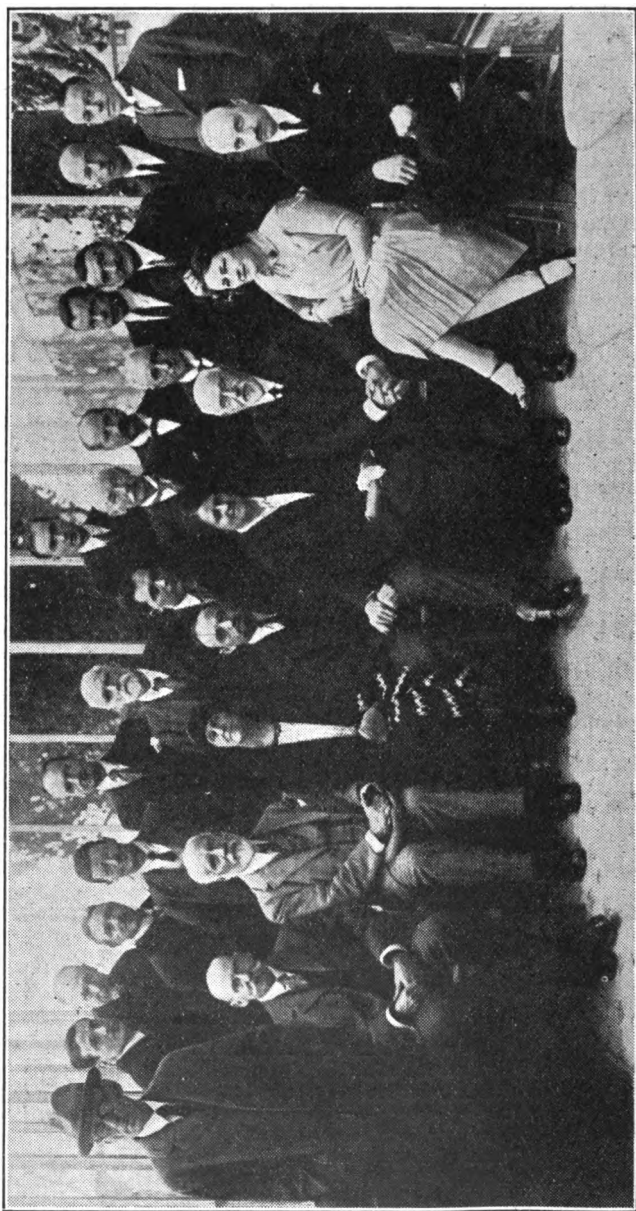
87 ROSARY ROAD,

JOHN KEEBLE.

NORWICH. 11th January, 1926.

HYÈRES TOURNAMENT

Standing: Artist, Umplre,
D. JANOWSKI, A. W. PICKARD,
PROFESSOR COL., J. E. STEVENS, J. KEEBLE, V. HALBERSTADT, -- PAUL, F. JAMES: R. DE PAMPELONNE,
E. GLOGG, DR. E. H. SMITH, H. MÜLLER, R. H. V. SCOTT, N. DE FRIDMAN,



Sitting: COL. C. STUART PRINCE, A. J. MAAS, MRS. STEVENSON, S. BARATZ, MRS. JAMES, I. GUNSBERG, MME. FRIDMAN, MAX RÖHM

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

India.—A tournament for 12 leading Indian players was held at Sangli, Dec. 27th—Jan. 6th, and resulted in a good win for the local expert, V. K. Khadilkar (who will be remembered as a competitor in the British championship at Southport in 1923) with a score of $10\frac{1}{2}$ points. Mr. Khadilkar thus maintains his right to be considered in the very first flight of Indian players. The other leading scores were : G. G. Mujundar, 9 ; P. R. Mhaskar, $8\frac{1}{2}$; S. V. Bodas and V. N. Gadre, 7 ; and M. Mahandale, 6. The prize distribution on Jan. 7th was presided over by Sir Chintamaurao Appasaheb Patwardhan, K.C.I.E., Chief of Sangli, who is a keen amateur of the game.

South Africa.—The annual contest between Johannesburg and Pretoria took place on Dingaan's Day and resulted in a pleasant re-union. The visitors, headed by Dr. Blieden, proved, however, too much for the home party, and scored $17\frac{1}{2}$ — $8\frac{1}{2}$. On most of the 15 boards two games were played.

It is understood that Mr. J. Willis, of Durban, is to give a broadcast lecture on chess.

Durban beat Maritzburg in a seven-a-side match by $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$. Of the 15 matches between the two Clubs, Durban has won nine and Maritzburg four, while two have been drawn.

France.—Hyères Chess Congress. The second annual tournament was held from the 18th to 23rd January and resulted as under :

Result of the Philidor Cup Tourney.

1 A. Baratz	.. $8\frac{1}{2}$	Cup and 1,000 frs.
2 D. Janowski	.. 7	500 francs
3 Max Romih	.. 6	350 frs. and 250 frs. Prizes for best End Game
4 A. J. Maas	.. $5\frac{1}{2}$	150 frs
5 V. Halberstadt	5	250 frs Brilliancy
6 Hans Müller	.. 5	[Prize]
7 Colonel Prince	3	
8 R. H. V. Scott	3	
9 Mrs. Stevenson	2	
10 N. de Fridman	0	

Result of the Minor Tourney.

1 J. Keeble	 $6\frac{1}{2}$	500 francs
2 R. de Pampelonne	$5\frac{1}{2}$	250 francs
3 Dr. E. H. Smith	$5\frac{1}{2}$	250 francs
4 A. W. Pickard	 4	
5 J. E. Stevens	 4	
6 Mrs. James	 $3\frac{1}{2}$	
7 Prof. Col	 3	
8 Mrs. Conybeare	 2	
9 Mr. Paull	 2	

A. Baratz, the winner of the Philidor Cup, hails from Bessarabia, now belonging to Roumania. He is 31 years of age, and at present an art student (sculpture) in Paris. Our old friend, Maas, did well, but Scott clearly was out of form. The Minor Tourney was as British as a contest at home, and the winner demonstrated that distinction in the problem art is by no means incompatible with skill over the board. Brilliancy prizes were secured by Romih and Halberstadt, and Mrs. James obtained the Lady's Prize. A similar tournament is announced for next year—English participants invited.

The Winter Tournament of the Nice Chess Club (Groupe des Joueurs d'Echecs de Nice)—which claims to be the strongest chess club in France and one of the strongest in Europe—ended yesterday afternoon in a British victory, Sir Watson Rutherford and Sir Richard Barnett tying for first place. It was a "knock-out" level tournament, beginning January 15 and ending January 22nd, and there were 28 entries, including also: M. Georges Renaud, ex-champion of France; Comte Jean de Villeneuve, the well-known problemist (grand-nephew of the Admiral who commanded against Nelson at Trafalgar); M. Rosenberg, of Buenos Ayres; Commandant Sicard, 157th Regiment; Baron Buchet, President of the Club; M. Duport, the famous French mathematician. Comte Jean de Villeneuve and M. Rosenberg, a clever Argentine player, were the runners-up. As it was impossible to play off the tie, owing to Sir Richard Barnett's return to England, it was decided to divide the First and Second Prizes and to give the whole amount back to the Club as a nucleus for the prize fund of its next Tournament.

Belgium.—In the January number of *L'Échiquier*, Alekhine continues his discussion of the theory of openings in the light of the Baden-Baden Tourney, directing his attention on this occasion to the King's Gambit Accepted. The article on Dr. Emanuel Lasker is likewise continued. There is an excellent photo of Mr. Pierre Vincent, the energetic Secretary General of the French Chess Federation, who describes the efforts made by the Federation to arouse interest in chess throughout France.

Poland.—During November and December last a Tournament was held at Lwow with 15 participants, resulting as under: 1st, Morawski, 11 points; 2nd, Popiel, 10½; 3rd and 4th, Friedmann and Knappeis, 10; 5th and 6th, Kurkiewicz and Wojcik, 8½; 7th and 8th, Meersand and Sokolowski, 8.

A notable personality has passed away, by the death of Alexander Flamborg in Warsaw on the 24th January. Though his activities were mainly confined to Warsaw, he was one of the strongest Polish players, and always at the top in the tournaments of the Warsaw Club, several times leading over Rubinstein, Bogoljubov and other masters. In the National Tournament, St. Petersburg, 1911, he was second, and in 1914 he was half-a-point behind Alekhine and Niemzovitch. In a match he defeated Bogoljubov by 3—0. For this information we are indebted to the *Wiener Schachzeitung*, which gives one of Flamborg's games.

Italy.—*L'Italia Scacchistica* for February records with justifiable pride numerous felicitations bestowed upon it in prominent quarters for its artistic production and general excellence. In an article on "hyper-modern" chess, Mr. Salvioli points out and illustrates by examples how much it resembles the style prevalent about 1850—particularly in England. He has examined the 150 games in Tarta-

kover's book, considers them beautiful, good games, and well annotated, but more or less, such as might have been played twenty years since. The "hyper-modern" game he regards simply as bluff, and claims that beyond his classification of players into two essential groups, namely, those of "system," and those of "conception," with their various gradations, there is no room for a third.

In the third elimination competition of the *Unione Scacchista Sezionale* of Milan, 32 players took part. The major was won by Scarduelli, followed by Gross, Marusi, and Nanni in the order named; the minor by Biseo, with Coster and Boris equal, and Gina fourth.

The *Società Artisti e Patriottica* held a tournament with the following results: 1st class—1st, Del Vecchio; 2nd, Olivier; 3rd, Meszely. 2nd class—1st, Ripamonti; 2nd, Elliot; 3rd, Urbani.

In Florence a tournament preliminary to the championship, carried through by the *Circolo Scacchistico Fiorentino* for the 3rd and 4th Classes, and yielded the following: 1st, Benetti (iv); 2nd, Sorelli (iii); 3rd, Bencivenni (iv); 4th, Jacomelli (iii); 5th, Bernieri (iv); 5th and 6th, Carletti and Veltroni.

Austria.—The *Austrian Chess Review* has now been amalgamated with the *Wiener Schachzeitung*, both now to appear under the name of the latter. The Games Section will be edited by Mr. Albert Becker, who headed the Austrian team in the recent match against Hungary, and is known for his work in connection with the Teplitz-Schönau Tournament Book. The Problems will be in charge of Prof. Halumbirek. The subscription is 10 marks per annum for abroad. The Games Editor observes that the question of the world's championship has again become acute between Capablanca, Lasker, Alekhine, and now Bogoljubov—with Torre coming along. While Mr. Becker thinks that public opinion may fail to bring Capablanca into the field he would favour the latter's chances.

During the week between Christmas and the New Year the Vienna Chess Club held a Ladies' Tournament, which was a great success. The number of sightseers severely strained the Club's accommodation—quite challenging the interest of the great international contests. There were eight competitors, and the first prize was secured by Mrs. Paula Wolf-Kalmar, with 5 wins and 2 draws; second and third places were shared by Mrs. Pohlner and Miss Harum. The play is said to have been excellent, so that combat with the best trained Englishwoman need not be shunned.

The tenth Leopold Trebitsch Memorial Tournament opened on the 28th January.

Anent the tournament to be held at Semmering in March, Prof. Hugo Soyka, in a letter to the *Wiener Schachzeitung* proposes that the masters while playing should be entirely segregated from the spectators. The latter would be assembled in a neighbouring hall, furnished with demonstration boards, from which they could follow every move without disturbing the players—who would be on view during the intervals.

Hungary.—An interesting article by Franz-Chalupetzky in the *Wiener Schachzeitung* on chess in Hungary shows that the weaknesses of human nature are fully as prevalent there as here ; in particular, a point that touches strongly the Chess Editorial feelings, players will not support adequately their Chess Magazine. He is convinced that even at half-price not more than 300 subscribers can be secured in the whole country. Yet progress has been made in the national organization, and many splits on questions of geography, race, religion, and politics mended.

A tournament of 21 picked men held at Budapest last July resulted in a tie between Lovas and Sterk, followed by Balla.

Russia.—No. 24 of the *Moscow Chess Magazine*, "64" describes the proceedings of the 4th National Congress ; it gives also an account of chess developments in the Russian Army and Navy, and there are photos of Yates, Duz-Khotimirsky, Löwenfisch, Gotthilf and Bogatyrchuk. The latter, by the way, has been spending some weeks in Vienna for purposes of study. To show how chess is cultivated even in remote parts of the Russian Empire, a photo is given of a varied group of players at Omsk.

At the Moscow Tournament, of 210 games, 74 were won by White, 57 by Black, and 79 were drawn.

The 8-*Uhrabendblatt* of Berlin prints the following interview with Capablanca, given by him during his journey through Berlin :

We were received in the Capital of the Soviet Republic and made welcome in the most hearty manner, and the Soviet Government did everything in order to make our stay in Moscow as pleasant as possible. During our stay at Moscow we were the guests of the Government and everywhere we were received in a most friendly manner. . . For example we were relieved of all, even the most trifling, expenses at the Hotel we were living at, or anywhere else in Moscow, and further, the Soviet Government paid the expenses of our journey to Russia and back.

The participants in the tournament were particularly pleasantly impressed by the general enthusiasm of the Russians of all classes and their attitude towards the game. The Tournament took place in the well known former Restaurant "Metropol," and every day such large crowds were present that even the great hall of this restaurant was found too small—it was daily overcrowded, and the tickets were sold out always a few days ahead. This gives an idea of the interest taken in chess by the Russians. The Soviet Government is certainly paying much attention to the development of chess. For instance, the Attorney-General of the Soviet Republic, M. Krylenko, received us. M. Krylenko, apart from attending to the duties of his office, is in charge of the Chess Department of the Soviet Republic. . .

The victory of Bogolyubov was greeted by his compatriots with the greatest enthusiasm. Crowds followed him in the streets, and everywhere he was received with ovations.

As regards the technique and the methods employed, I meantime suspend my judgment. I can only say this tournament has again proved that it is impossible to anticipate the result of such an international contest. Even although the best players meet, some third player may overtake them. This happened in Moscow. The strength of play of each participant was well known, and they enjoyed every opportunity to display their talents to the fullest extent. I personally had already crossed swords with Bogolyubov in London and New York.

In any case the young Soviet Chess Association has splendidly passed the test of the first contest, and justifies every hope placed in its future.

M. Torre, the youngest player, has shown the greatest improvement.

I do not know yet whether I shall be able to take part in the International Tournament which is to take place in March at Semmering. This Tournament, too, promises to be very interesting as there will be present players like Alekhine and Tartakover.

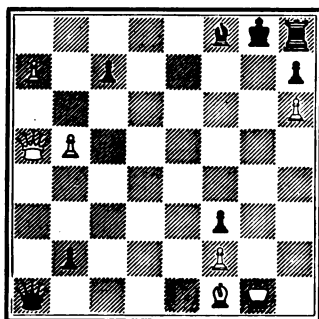
Norway.—*Norsk Schakblad* for December last continues historical researches by E. Jurgens into the chess of the 16th—19th centuries, especially as regards alterations in the rules—affecting castling for example. There is a letter regarding the Monrad system of placing in tournaments, an article on the Moscow tournament, several poetical effusions, and some satirical aphorisms for members of chess clubs.

The following unusual odds-game was played in the Christiania Chess Club's Handicap Tournament :

GAME No. 5,631.

WHITE TR. AALHEIM	BLACK SØTHER	WHITE TR. AALHEIM	BLACK SØTHER
	(Remove White's Q and Black's Q B).		
1 P—Q Kt 3	1 P—Q 3	11 P—Kt 5	11 P—R 5
2 B—Kt 2	2 P—K 4	12 P×K B P	12 B×P
3 P—Kt 3	3 Kt—K B 3	13 Kt—K 4	13 Kt—Q 5
4 B—Kt 2	4 Kt—B 3	14 Kt×Kt	14 P×Kt
5 Kt—K B 3	5 B—K 2	15 Kt—Kt 5	15 Q—B 1
6 P—Q R 3	6 Kt—Q 2	16 B—K 4	16 B×Kt
7 Kt—B 3	7 Castles	17 P×B	17 P—K Kt 3
8 P—K R 4	8 P—B 3	18 B×Q P	18 P—Q 4
9 P—K Kt 4	9 Kt—Kt 3	19 R×R P!	19 R—B 4
10 Castles Q R	10 P—Q R 4	20 Q R—R 1 and wins	

For if 20.., K—B 1; 21 B—B 5+, K—Kt 1; 22 R—R 8+, K—B 2; 23 R (R 1)—R 7+ and mates; and if 20.., Q—K B 1; 21 B×R, P×B; 22 P—Kt 6.



A skittle game resulted in the adjoining position :

1 Q×Q!

If 1 P—R 8 (Q), Q×B+; 2 K×Q, P—Kt 8 (Q)+; 3 Q—K 1, Q—Q 6+; 4 K—Kt 1, Q—Kt 3+; 5 K—R 1, Q—Kt 7 mate.

1 P×Q=Q
2 P—R 8=Q 2 Resigns

L.H. considers that the combination had its prototype in *Peer Gynt*. In the 2nd act, 1st scene, Ibsen propounds the idea in veiled form :

PEER GYNT (*silent for a moment, then cries*) : "Remember that the devil is in everything!—the devil is in all women!"

INGRID (*turning her head, exclaims sarcastically*) : "Without exception?"

PEER GYNT : "Yes, without one." (*Exeunt all.*)

L.H. regards himself as a pioneer in a new line of Ibsen research, and awaits with interest other investigators' results.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time, and games can be arranged at once.

New Members.—Since the issue of our *Year Book* the following have joined us: A. M. Harper, Glenroy, Mountain Ash, Glamorgan; Dudley B. King, 7, Craighthon Road, Well Hall, London, S.E.9; H. A. Gosling, 35 Gateby Road, Stockwell, S.W.9; Chas. Rapley, 35 Birkbeck Road, Acton, W.3; E. L. Browning, 9 Peel Street, Stoney Stanton Road, Coventry; J. H. Murgatroyd, 61 Duncar Road, Longsight, Manchester; A. P. Wilmshurst, Bridge Park Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne; J. G. White, c/o B. Quaritch Ltd., 11 Grafton Street, New Bond Street, W.1. (old member).

Knock-out Tourney.—Several members have asked for a new one, and we have already received six entries. Anyone wishing to join should send in a fee of 1/6 not later than April 5th. The Tourney will commence on May 1st, and two gold, two silver, and two bronze medals, will be given. F. A. Richardson has beaten J. Rynders and enters the final of No. 1 Tourney, Silver Medal Section. J. D. Chambers has been awarded a win, and plays G. P. Kitchener in the Semi-Final of the same Tourney and Section.

Photograph Scheme.—We have been asked for a revival of this, and would be pleased to hear from any member wishing to take part, and who will forward a photograph, if they have not already done so.

Trophy Results.—Class 1, Dr. Macdonald beat Bussell and lost to F. W. Clarke; Illingworth beat Rockett. Class 2a, Parsons beat Wood and Ditcham; Major Jones beat Ditcham and Rev. Evill; Kitchener drew with Evill and lost to Jayne. Rev. Joyce has retired and his score is cancelled. Class 2b, Windybank beat Gale; Rev. Armitage drew with Wilson. Class 3a, J. O. Brown beat Duffell and lost to Gurney; Heywood beat Duffell; Dutton beat Finch and Whitty. Class 3b, Anderton beat Day; Rocks beat Coole. Class 4a, Richardson beat Behrndt. Class 4b, Houghton beat Laslett. Class 5, Halford beat Tyzack; Miss Herridge beat Mead.

Mr. Matthews, our previous secretary, has sent us a letter of thanks to all members for the presentation, and this will be given in the next issue of our magazine.

British Correspondence Chess Association v. Chess Amateur Chess League.—We have obtained a very narrow victory in the above match of 92 boards. The score is given on p. 133, and on behalf of our members we express thanks to our handicap secretary, who carried on this big match in our interests. The B.C.C.A. had the move on the even-numbered boards.

B.C.C.A.		C.A.C.I.		B.C.C.A.		C.A.C.I.	
1 F. W. Clarke	.. 1	W. M. Bussell	.. 1	48 J. McClusky	.. 0	C. Swainston	.. 1
2 Dr. R. McDonald	.. 1	F. W. Ffoulkes	.. 0	49 N. Ovington	.. 1	— Steadman	.. 0
3 T. E. Wethers	.. 0	F. W. Flears	.. 1	50 L. Wakefield	.. 0	— Stanger	.. 1
4 F. P. Finch	.. 0	— Streecer	.. 1	51 P. Henderson	.. 0	— Croft-Hill	.. 1
5 K. G. Jayne	.. 0	— Bewlay	.. 1	52 ..	..	— Jones	.. 1
6 Maj. E. M. Jones	.. 0	— Davey	.. 1	53 Rev. A. H. Tollitt	.. 1	— Barrie	.. 1
7 J. H. Morrison	.. 1	— Wyndham	.. 1	54 — Syberg	.. 1	— Powell	.. 1
8 F. F. Finch	.. 0	— Hamblin	.. 1	55 J. Porch	.. 0	— Walker	.. 0
9 H. D. Rockett	.. 1	P. J. Lawrence	.. 1	56 — Hapgood	.. 1	— Mentith Dunn	.. 1
10 Dr. V. Rutherford	.. 1	— Stewart	.. 1	57 — Hibbert	.. 0	— Evans	.. 1
11 P. Wilson	.. 1	— Richards	.. 1	58 T. O'Brien	.. 0	J. Murgatroyd	.. 0
12 Rbt. Evans	.. 0	G. Luckock	.. 1	59 J. F. Whall	.. 1	— Adler	.. 1
13 E. G. Beckingham	.. 0	— Wollaston	.. 1	60 A. S. Stoneman	.. 0	— Creswell	.. 1
14 — Bagley	.. 1	E. Goodwin	.. 1	61 S. Sheard	.. 0	J. Holland	.. 1
15 W. J. E. Yeates	.. 1	— Newbit	.. 1	62 H. N. S. Heath	.. 0	— Reynolds	.. 0
16 V. Coates	.. 0	A. J. Windybank	.. 1	63 — Holbrook	.. 0	— Carpenter	.. 0
17 E. W. Carmichael	.. 0	— Jones	.. 1	64 P. D. B. Simeon	.. 1	— Jones	.. 0
18 G. A. Coleborne	.. 1	— Ham	.. 1	65 — Crean	.. 1	— Haynes	.. 1
19 K. G. Jayne	.. 1	E. Parsons	.. 0	66 — Stuart	.. 0	— Harding	.. 0
20 H. D. Terry	.. 0	G. P. Kitchener	.. 1	67 — Port	.. 1	— Greenop	.. 0
21 P. Wilson	.. 1	— Maris	.. 0	68 J. E. Dutton	.. 1	— Heal	.. 1
22 S. Bogg	.. 0	D. J. Collins	.. 1	69 E. Fairclough	.. 1	— Hann	.. 1
23 H. A. Clarke	.. 1	— Evans	.. 0	70 — Holmes	.. 1	M. Lyon-Campbell	.. 0
24 J. Malone	.. 0	Mrs. Boxall	.. 1	71 D. Hume	.. 1	— Jones	.. 1
25 H. E. Spencely	.. 1	A. Dwight	.. 0	72 W. Lambert	.. 0	— Woodforde	.. 1
26 P. D. Beckwith	.. 0	— Read	.. 1	73 W. H. Laslett	.. 0	— Saunders	.. 0
27 A. S. Stoneman	.. 1	— Williamson	.. 1	74 G. A. Wilcox	.. 1	— Wiggin	.. 0
28 E. Toledano	.. 1	— Gardiner	.. 0	75 F. Heywood	.. 1	— Tucker	.. 0
29 W. C. Wallis	.. 1	— Johnson	.. 0	76 W. E. Hollingdale	.. 1	— Rogers	.. 0
30 F. E. Ward	.. 1	— Curzon	.. 0	77 F. S. Marsden	.. 1	— Brown	.. 1
31 J. W. Wood	.. 1	— Poignard	.. 0	78 A. J. Tysall	.. 0	— Harting	.. 1
32 H. Bardsley	.. 1	J. Cromie	.. 0	79 Miss Roper	.. 0	— Neish	.. 0
33 W. J. Gurney	.. 1	— Withers	.. 0	80 Rev. L. Seymour	.. 1	— Highall	.. 0
34 A. Lesser	.. 1	— Postill	.. 1	81 Chas. Burton	.. 1	— Morley	.. 0
35 Sir S. G. Shead	.. 1	— Wilson	.. 1	82 R. W. Houghton	.. 1	— Abrams	.. 1
36 W. Snook	.. 1	— Wiggan	.. 1	83 A. A. Kennedy	.. 1	— Nobovny	.. 0
37 Rev. P. Armitage	.. 1	— Currie	.. 0	84 W. Lister	.. 1	— Clarke	.. 1
38 A. H. Brayne	.. 1	— Corydon	.. 0	85 T. Palmer	.. 0	— Wadsworth	.. 0
39 H. E. Maden	.. 0	— Herd	.. 1	86 E. Roberts	.. 1	Mrs. Diaper	.. 1
40 J. Moore	.. 0	— Jones	.. 1	87 R. S. Somerville	.. 0	— Adcock	.. 0
41 J. L. Rynders	.. 1	Miss Chater	.. 0	88 P. Rocks, junr.	.. 1	— Brett	.. 1
42 J. H. White	.. 0	Miss Diaper	.. 1	89 Miss Eveling	.. 0	— Hill	.. 1
43 J. Haydon	.. 0	R. N. Murray	.. 1	90 J. D. T. Halford	.. 0	— Adcock	.. 0
44 A. F. Anderton	.. 1	— Tiltman	.. 0	91 J. Holland	.. 1	..	..
45 E. Behndt	.. 1	W. Swainston	.. 0	92 ..	..	..	..
46 A. R. Coole	.. 1	— Barker	.. 0				
47 R. Hopkins	.. 1	— Ewart	.. *				

*Adjudicated.

Final Score 46½

Final Score 45½

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Modern Chess Brilliances, Gossip, 1892; *Bradford Tournament*, 1888; *Manchester Tournament*, 1891; *Steinitz v. Tchigorin*, 1892; *Steiner v. Lasker*, 1894; *Chess Brilliances*, Taylor, 1869; *Chess Stars*, 1888; *Beauties of Chess*, English edition, Alexandre; one copy each, must be in first-class condition, price to be quoted and delivery on approval.

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REVIEWS.

Die ersten Anfänge der Schachtheorie. An historical sketch according to the most recent investigations, edited by Ludwig Bachmann. Published by Hans Hedewig's Nachf., Curt Ronniger, Leipzig, Perthesstrasse 10. Price 2 M. 61 pp.

As the title indicates, this book deals with the first beginnings of chess theory, and Herr Bachmann places the chess world under a debt of gratitude to him by most ably summarising and tabulating the researches of the three oldest authorities on the subject, Lucena, Damiano and Ruy Lopez, in one inexpensive brochure.

The editor has made full use of the Paris *Handschrift*, by Lucena, unearthed by Mons. V. Place in 1908 but not published until 1921, to give Lucena his proper place in the Chess firmament, and Herr Bachmann makes it plain that such "modern" tactics as the flank development of the Bishops in Fianchetto, the Stonewall development in the Queen's Pawn, the Pawn-storm against the opponent's Castled position (so often exploited by Dr. Tarrasch), are not "modern" at all, having been mentioned by Lucena in his three books, which appeared some four hundred years ago!

It is amusing to read that even in the first edition of Bilguer's *Handbuch*, 1843, the opening 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5 is described as "Springerspiel des Ruy Lopez," whereas Lopez wished to have nothing to do with this opening, considering that after 4 B×Kt the resulting doubled Pawn was a decisive disadvantage for Black. He accordingly recommended 2... P—Q 3 in place of 2... Kt—Q B 3. As the "Ruy Lopez" opening was discussed by Lucena in a Spanish work a half-century before the Spanish priest's book came out, the German name for the opening, "*Spanische Partie*," appears more logical than the English "*Ruy Lopez*."

The editor gives a 20-page introductory account of the work of the three writers above-mentioned, and then gives 25 pages of tables dealing with the openings analysed by these authorities; with their interesting, and at times conflicting, views on the moves made. We first have the Damiano Gambit, 1 P—K 4, P K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—K B 3; 3 Kt×P, and notice that both Lucena and Lopez recommend the refusal of the Greek gift by 3... Q—K 2! Next comes the Giuoco Piano with 4 P—B 3, Kt—B 3; 5 P—Q 3; followed by the Petroff; Queen's Gambit Accepted, with an abortive attempt to hold the Gambit Pawn; Philidor's Defence; King's Knight's Gambit; Bishop's Opening; the Ponziani and P—Q B 3 on the second move; Centre Counter; Queen's Pawn Game; and the close games arising from Van't Kruijz Opening, Bird's Opening, and the Double Fianchetto.

We draw the conclusion that chess in the sixteenth century was of a high standard and that, apart from the fundamental changes which have been introduced during the past fifty years, the difference is more one of degree than of kind. Chess players should welcome this opportunity of learning the methods and views of the pioneers of

chess as we know it to-day, and will find pleasure in perusing this book, which is one of the most readable books on the history of our Art that we have yet encountered.

Ranneforth's Schachkalender, 1926. Published by Hans Hedewig's Nachf, Curt Ronniger, Leipzig, Perthesstrasse 10. Linen, price 3 M. 240 pp.

Ranneforth's well-known annual has now been appointed the official Year Book of the German Chess Association. Although it appears likely to be of greater utility to the German purchaser than to a foreigner, much of its contents may be of use to club officials, and so we give a list of its contents—a calendar for engagements, an interesting article by O. Undritz on “the fate of a prize-winning problem, by F. Amelung,” an account of the *Deutschen Schachbund* (German Chess Association), with its rules and regulations, evaluation of wins and draws in tournament games, with a description of the Sonneborn-Berger, and Tietz systems, the various notations used in different countries, full pairing-tables for competitors varying in number from 3 to 24, addresses and short accounts of the leading foreign Chess Federations, addresses of well-known chess players all over the world, a list of chess clubs in Germany with addresses and day and time of meeting, together with a few of the more important European and American clubs, and finally complete tables of the many great International tournaments of the past year, up to and including Moscow.

Streifzüge durch das Gebiet des Schachproblems. By Dr. Hermann von Gottschall

We have received this volume containing close on 800 problems with very liberal letterpress, which has just been published by Messrs. Walter de Gruyter & Co. We must defer making any sort of detailed reference to this work as we have not yet had the opportunity of making a close acquaintance with the contents.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS.

(Continued from page 82)

Juniors 17 and 18.—The result of the ladder for January is as follows: “Thule” with 94, 5, 4, 103 heads the list and wins a small prize, his marks being cancelled. The remaining marks are as follows: “Pawn” 86, 4, 8, 98; “Chetto” 91, —, 3, 94; “Lily” 69, 5, 10, 84; “Robo,” 71, 3, 8, 82; “Lady Clare,” 60 (15/18), 6, 4, 6, 5, 81; “Particles,” 47, 6, 6, 59; “Stalemate,” 43, 5, 8, 56; “Edina” 39, 4, 4, 47; “Tyke,” 35, —, 8, 43; “Chess,” 36, 3, 3, 42; “Nigger,” 28, 6, 7, 41; “Ostree,” (15/18), 5, 10, 6, 3, 24; “Knowsley” (1) (15/18), —, 5, 0, 6, 4, 15; “Plachutta” (15/18), 1, 4, 3, 6, 14; “Wifile” 4, 5, 9; “Tyro” (1) —, 6, 2, 8, making sixteen solvers only. No solutions received from such regular solvers as “Lopez,” “Rook” and “Relda.”

There were several suggestions for 17, the favourite being K—B square. Another line highly thought of was R—B7.

No. 18 was generally solved more or less correctly, but in most cases the best lines were not given for Black.

ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "Knowsley"—I have found your solutions to 15 and 16. Thanks for congratulations. "Nigger," Atbara (Sudan)—I can quite understand your difficulties; I wish I could put you in touch with somebody near at hand. "Tyke"—Have you no time to go for both problems? "Chess"—Sorry I cannot trace your solutions of 15 and 16; can you send me duplicates? "Stalemate"—In your solution of 17 you give 2 R—B 6. I think you must mean R—Q 6. In 18 you do not give the correct reply to K—B 4. "Particles"—In 18 you do not give the best play for Black. "Chetto"—Your solutions are very careless; the notation to Junior 18 is incorrect, you give for instance 1 R—B 7 and if (i) K—Kt 2 and (ii) K—K 2, all these being impossible. In Senior 17 you have failed to see the flaw in 2 K×P. You give no solutions to Junior 17.

With regard to Senior 17, there were twenty solvers including four new ones, which is very satisfactory, and most were able to fathom the correct move for White at move 2, *viz.*, K—Kt 3.

As to 18 amended, there were not many who failed to prove the win, but some did it too easily by taking the Knight away from the Black King before it was forced to go

"Beta" wins for January with 106, 10, 5, 121. The remaining scores are: "Sirius," 99, 9, 6, 114; "T.E.S.," 86, 8, 10, 104; "Clare," 88, 9, 5, 102; "A—A," 85, 5, 9, 99; "Hotchpot," (India), 88, 9, —, 97; "Nemo," 87, 4, 6, 97; "G.A.W.," 76, 8, 6, 90; "Gambit," 80, 5, 3, 88; "Delta," 82, 4, —, 86; "Cic," 71, 8, —, 79; "C.H.D." (New Jersey); 64, 6, —, 70; "R.F.D.H.," 46, 5, —, 51; "Persequere," 40, 4, 6, 50; "Eze," (1), 16, 9, —, 25; "Hack," 9, 10, 6, 25; "Pussycat" (1) —, 9, 8, 17; "Santermmed," 11, 2, 2, 15.

ANSWERS TO SENIORS: "J. Moore"—Have got your note but cannot find your solutions. Can you send me duplicate? "G.A.W."—You are by no means alone in losing games by blunders, I do it more often myself than I like. "Nemo"—Yes, I am sorry we did not meet in Leeds. "Delta"—I was sorry to receive your news and passed it on to Major Heron; I hope things are no worse. "Persequere," "Santermmed"—You will see where you went wrong in 17 from the solution. "Capella," "G.M.A.," "Omega," "Wifile"—Very pleased to welcome you.

There were twenty-three solutions sent in to Nos. 19 and 20 for the Juniors.

"Pawn" climbs to the top of the ladder for the month of February with 98, 5, 5, 108. The remaining solvers' scores are as follows: "Lily," 84, 9, 10, 103; "Robo," 82, 10, 6, 98; "Particles," 59, 8, 6, 73; "Stalemate," 54, 9, 6, 69; "Chess," 42, 10, 8, 60; "Nigger," 41, 10, 10, 61; "Edina," 47, 6, 6, 59; "Tyke," 43, 4, 6, 53; "Ostree," 24, 10, 10, 44; "Knowsley" (1), 15, 10, 10, 35; "Plachutta," 14, 10, 7, 31; "Wifile," 9, 10, 7, 26; "Tyro" (1), 8, 10, 6, 24; "Kodak," 10, 10, 20; "Patlander," 10, 10, 20; "Pugnandum," 10, 7, 17; "Dud," 8, 9, 17; "Skylark," 9, 7, 16; "Epsilon," 5, 10, 15.

ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "J'adoube"—Glad to welcome you. The end game will, I think, be useful. "Tyke"—19 Your variation is *not* the quickest because of White's checks. In 20, if 1 K—R 5, K—B 3 how do you win? Not by 2 P—Kt 5 ch! Your solution is not the best, as it takes a move longer, by transposing into my solution by 2 P—B 5. "Lily"—In variation 1 of 19, the

Mate is delayed one move by Q—K R 8 ch. "Chess"—You give two first moves, only one can be best, the one that wins most directly; 1 K—R 5 is a move longer. "J.R."—You must keep to one set for marks; for which shall I enter you? Marks 9, 7, 8, 7, Detail just about right. "Dud"—Juniors 8, 9, Seniors 6, 5, 5. See answer to "J.R." Name and address please. "Rhapsody"—Solutions careless—19 you give 3 B—R 4, you mean B—R 5 and 4., Q—B 3 mate. You will probably mean Q—B 6 which is not mate, though Q—Kt 6 would be, but the mate can be delayed by 4 R (printed as White Pawn)—K Kt 1; 20, 1 K—Q 2 is not Black's best reply! "Particles"—19, not enough. What if 2 Q—K 8 ch? Several failed with this variation. 20 See answer to "J.R." "Edina"—Cannot follow your variation II in 20, if 1 K—Kt 6? or III 1 P—B 5, K—R 2?; very careless! "Pawn"—You waste a lot of moves in 20. "Delta"—19 If 1 Q×B P, 2 Q—R 8 ch wins for White!! "George"—In your solution of 20 6 P—Kt 6 is a much quicker win. "Kodak," "Patlander"—A very good start. "Robert C.," "A.M."—Glad to welcome you.

SENIORS. There were nineteen solvers to 19 and 20, although some thought 19 easy, many suggested a less forcing move than 1 R×Kt. "Sirius" got both problems right, but his solution of 20 was an exact copy of mine, and I take it he used the same "crib"! He heads the ladder for February, takes the small prize and descends to the bottom. The scores are as follows:—"Sirius," 114, 10, 10, 134; "T.E.S.," 104, 9, 10, 123; "Hotchpot" (India) (18/20), 97, 7, 10, 8, 122; "Clare," 102, 5, 8, 115; "Nemo," 97, 7, 8, 112; "Cradock," 99, 5, 5, 109; "Gambit," 88, 3, 5, 96; "G.A.W." 90, no solutions; "Cic," 79, 6, —, 85; "Persequere," 50, 9, 5, 64; "Eze," (1), 25, 10, 10, 45; "Hack," 25, 7, 7, 39; "Pussycat" (1), 17, 10, 3, 30; "Santermed," 15, 4, 5, 24; "G.M.A.," 18/20, 6, 8, 8, 22; "Robert C.," —, 10, 10, 20; "Thule," —, 10, 9, 19; "A.M.," —, 10, 6, 16; "Pawn" (Shropshire), —, 7, 8, 15; "Fulano de Tab.," —, 8, 7, 15; "Skylark," —, 8, 7, 15; "J'adoubé," —, 7, 4, 11; "Beta," (1), —, 5, 5, 10.

ANSWERS TO SENIORS: "J'adoubé"—Juniors 10, 8; will place you in Seniors. "Thule"—Right, will place you in Seniors. "Dud"—Seniors 18/20, 6, 5, 5. Which class do you wish to join? "Cic"—Cannot follow your answer to 19, 1 B—B 5, R—K 3; 2 R×Kt, R×R; 3 B×R ch (?) "Pawn" (Shropshire)—Please take another pseudonym, have a 'Pawn' in Juniors. "Patlander" "G.M.A.," "Eloc"—The competition problems are extra to the Juniors or Seniors, but solvers must send in for one of these, or are not entitled to compete for the prizes offered for the former.

Owing to lack of space I must withhold solutions to Problems 21 and 22 until April. We will have problems on the openings again this month for a change. Problems for Juniors 21. A game, played recently, opened 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q B 4, P×P; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q B 4; 4 P—K 3, P×P; 5 B×P, B—Kt 5; 6 B×P ch, K×B; 7 Kt—Kt 5 ch, K—Kt 3; 8 Q×B, Q—R 4 ch; 9 B—Q 2, Q×Kt. Criticise the moves; who has the best game, and why? 22. 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—B 4; 4 P—Q 5, P—Q Kt 4; 5 P—K 4, Kt×KP; 6 P×P, B P×P; 7 B—Q 3, B—Kt 2; 8 Kt—B 3, Kt×Kt; 9 P×Kt, Q—B 3. Who has the better game? Where could the play have been improved?

Problems for Seniors. 21. 1 P—K 4, P—Q B 4; 2 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 P—K Kt 3, P—K Kt 3; 4 B—Kt 2, B—Kt 2; 5 P—Q 3, P—Q 3; 6 B—K 3, B—K 3; 7 K Kt—K 2, Kt—B 3; 8 Kt—B 4,

Q—Q 2; 9 Q—Q 2, Castles; 10 P—K R 4. What should Black play now? Where could the play have been improved?

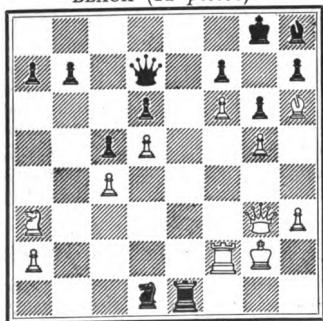
22. 1 P—Q 4, P—K B 4; 2 P—K 4, P×P; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 P—K Kt 4, P—Q 4. (What are the alternatives?) 5 P—Kt 5, Kt—Kt 1. (Can you suggest any alternative?) 6 P—K B 3! P×P. (What would be the continuation of 6... B—B 4?) 7 Q×P, P—K 3; 8 B—Q 3, P—K Kt 3; 9 K Kr—K 2, Q—K 2; 10 B—K B 4, P—B 3; 11 B—K 5! B—Kt 2; 12 Q—Kt 3! Kt—Q R 3. (What if 12... Kt—Q 2?) 13 Castles, B—Q 2. (Give continuations if (i) 13... Kt—Kt 5, (ii) 13... P—R 3, (iii) 13... Q—Q 2, (iv) 13... P—Q Kt 3.) 14 B—Q 3, Q—Q 1; 15 Q—B 4, Resigns.

Solutions should be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by March 31st, 1926. I have been unable as yet to go through the 22 solutions of Competition Problems Nos. 1 and 2, but like other matter must leave it till next month. I repeat herewith Competition Problems Nos. 3 and 4, the solutions of which must be sent in separately from those of the monthly sets, and must be marked "Special Competition." I should also like to remind readers that only solvers who are sending, or are prepared to send in, solutions to the monthly sets can compete for the prizes offered.

COMPETITION PROBLEM NO. 3.

White had to make his 29th move in the following position.

BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

White to play.

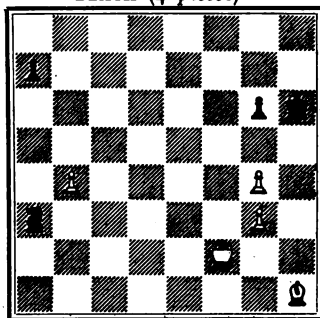
Black's last move was 28... Kt (Kt 7)—Q 8.

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result.

COMPETITION PROBLEM NO. 4.

After Black's 34... Kt×RP, the following position remained.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)

White to play.

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result.

The solutions should be sent not later than the end of March to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, and marked on envelope "Special Competition." Solutions will appear in the April number.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Jules De Meray died on December 21st at 48 Sussex Gardens, Hyde Park. He was one of the most versatile personalities in the chess world. Endued with enormous energy, great inventive power and indomitable courage and resource both in success and adversity, a history of his varied career would read like a fairy tale. One of the original founders of the firm of Vickers, Sons and Maxim, he invented the Maxim car and the Maxim flying machine. He was a close friend of the late Sir Hiram Maxim and helped with many other enterprises with which the expert on explosives was connected. A pioneer motorist, he was one of the first members of the R.A.C., and in 1907 founded the Automobile Co-operative Association.

He was the introducer of a system of railway signalling which at one time was the standard throughout the country.

A fine amateur billiard player, he won the handicap at the City Carlton Club in 1907, running out in the final with an unfinished break of 138: it was a frequent occurrence for him to make a break of over 100 in these contests.

During his residence at 1 Rutland Gate, he occasionally played chess with his neighbour, Sir John Thursby, who lived at No. 5.

Mr. De Meray was very fond of a game of chess, and despite his busy life could always find time for a quick skittle or two. On February 3rd, 1923, he invited the S.C.C.U. to play the match between Surrey *v.* Middlesex at the British Imperial Club, Inverness Terrace, where the two teams were made very welcome.

HASTINGS CHRISTMAS CONGRESS

(Continued from page 76)

Scores in the Second and Third Class Tournaments:—

Second Class "A."—1st, A. H. Hart, 8½; 2nd, E. H. Church, 7; 3rd, C. W. Stokes, 6; Hon. A. J. Lowther and P. Leslie-Jones, 5; Miss Bedell and A. F. Kidney, 4½; J. E. Coleman, 2½; Rev. W. Harvey, 2; Rev. H. P. Dawson retired.

Second Class "B."—1st and 2nd, H. H. Elliott and A. Mortlock, 7½; 3rd *aeq.*, W. Barker and Miss Home, 6½; Capt. H. G. McMullon and Z. Rosenthal, 4; T. Moore, 3½; W. E. Leffler, 3; Mrs. Chase, 2; J. W. Thurnham, ½.

Third Class "A."—1st, H. J. Salter, 7; 2nd and 3rd, A. J. Goetzee and K. R. McLeod, 6½; S. Deitz, 6; Miss Olga Menchik and L. J. Sell, 5; W. Harvey, 4½; C. N. Popper, 2½; A. E. Gray, 2; J. H. Johnson, 0.

Third Class "B."—1st, B. N. Collins, 7½; 2nd and 3rd, A. J. Kidney and L. G. Norman, 5½; E. Behrndt and Miss French Lucas, 5; L. S. Hanson-Power, 4½; G. Shoesmith, 4; Mrs. Ayris and W. P. Freeman, 3; H. W. Weston, 2.

The experiment of extending the duration of the congress to eight playing-days was very favourably commented upon by the competitors, who felt that in a 9-round tournament they had a much better chance of recovery after an indifferent start than in a 7-round tournament.

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME No. 5,632.

Played in the eighth round of the Premier Tournament at Hastings. Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE	BLACK
E. COLLE	DR. M. VIDMAR
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3
3 Kt—K B 3	3 P—Q Kt 3
4 P—K Kt 3	4 B—Kt 2
5 B—Kt 2	5 B—Kt 5 ch
6 B—Q 2	6 B×B ch
7 Q Kt×B	7 Castles
8 Q—B 2	8 P—Q 3
9 Castles K R	9 P—B 4
10 K R—Q 1	10 Q—B 2
11 P—Q R 3	

Presumably with the intention of P—Q Kt 4 in a move or two.

	11 Kt—B 3
12 Q—B 3	12 Q R—Q 1
13 Q R—B 1	

If now 13 P—Q Kt 4, P×Q P; 14 Kt×P, Kt×Kt; 15 Q×Kt and White's Queen is unfavourably placed against ..., P—Q 4, either with or without an exchange of Bishops. He therefore plays the Rook first so as to gain time against that line of defence.

13 P—Q R 4

..... But now Black prevents the advance, so that the initial intention is shown to be one which could not be advantageously carried out, and White's 11th move was lost time. Black has now the initiative.

14 P—K 3	14 K R—K 1
15 Kt—K 1	

15 R—K 1 is necessary to counteract Black's intended centre advance.

	15 P×P
16 P×P	16 P—K 4

17 P—Q 5	17 Kt—Q 5
18 Q—Q 3	

18 B—B 1 was a better way of meeting the threat; he might then have been able to work in P—Q Kt 4 after all.

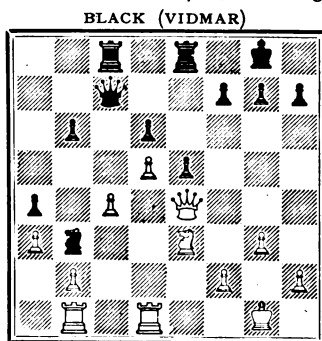
18 B—B 1 !

19 Kt—B 2

Now there was nothing better than 19 P—B 3, B—B 4; 20 Kt—K 4 and he would not then lose command of the "hole" at his Q Kt 3 square. After Black's 24th move (White's intermediate play being virtually forced), White is in the unfortunate position of being able only to mark time whilst Black matures his plans.

	19 B—B 4
20 Kt—K 4	20 Kt×Kt
21 B×Kt	21 B×B
22 Q×B	22 Kt—Kt 6
23 R—Kt 1	23 R—Q B 1
24 Kt—K 3	24 P—R 5

Position after 24., P—R 5.



WHITE (COLLE)

25 Kt—B 5	25 P—Kt 3
26 Kt—K 3	26 P—B 4
27 Q—R 4	27 Q—B 2

28 K—R 1 28 K—Kt 2
 29 P—B 4
 An attempt to make some use of the Rooks by 29 R—Q 3 P—K 5; 30 R—B 3 would merely result in the Black Knight being transferred to a still more objectionable position by ... Kt—Q 7; 31 R—Q 1, Kt—B 6.

30 Q×P 29 P×P
 31 Q—B 2 30 R—K 5
 32 R—K 1 31 Q R—K 1
 33 Q—Q 2 32 Kt—B 4

If 33 Q R—Q 1, he probably feared ... P—B 5; 34 P×P, R×P.

34 Kt—B 2 33 Q—B 3
 35 K—Kt 1 34 Q—K 4
 36 Q—B 2 35 Kt—Kt 6
 37 Q×Kt P 36 Q—B 3

He wants to avoid moving the Queen off the long diagonal, which would allow Black, after exchanging Rooks, to check with Queen at Q 5, winning a Pawn or two. But the move made loses the Exchange, which is worse.

38 Q—B 2 37 Kt—Q 7
 39 Resigns 38 Kt×R

GAME No. 5,633.

Game played in the Tournament at Moscow. Notes by J.H.B.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE BLACK
 F. J. MARSHALL B. WERLINSKY

1 P—K 4 1 P—Q B 4
 2 P—Q Kt 4

The *Wing Gambit*, Marshall's favourite method of dealing with the *Sicilian*.

3 P—Q R 3 2 P×P
 3 P—K 4

.....The right move here has yet to be established; but this one has the disadvantage of leaving a weak Queen's Pawn behind it. 3... P×P; 4... P—Q 3, and 5... P—K Kt 3 is a defence with points in its favour.

4 P×P 4 B×P
 5 P—Q B 3 5 B—B 4

.....Marshall has since pointed out that 5... B—K 2 was safer.

6 Kt—K B 3 6 Kt—Q B 3
 7 B—B 4 7 P—Q 3

.....As he must Castle on the King's side he should prepare, by ... Kt—B 3, to do so as quickly as possible. The delay proves serious.

8 P—Q 4 8 P×P
 9 P×P 9 B—Kt 3

.....If 9... B—Kt 5 ch White intended to play 10 K—B 1, P—Q R 4; 11 P—K R 4.

10 Castles 10 B—Kt 5

.....Now 10... Kt—B 3 can be met by 11 B—R 3, threatening 12 P—K 5.

11 Q—Kt 3 11 B×Kt

.....If 11... Q—Q 2, Marshall gives as best 12 Q×B! P×Q; 13 R×R ch, and 14 Kt—B 3 with winning attack. If 11... Q—K 2; 12 Kt—B 3 is good enough.

12 B×P ch 12 K—B 1
 13 B×Kt 13 R×B

.....Black was afterwards of opinion that he should have played here 13... B—K R 4.

14 Q×B ch 14 Q—B 3
 15 Q—R 5 15 Kt×P

.....If 15... B×P; 16 R—R 3 is very strong.

(See Diagram).

Position after 15..., Kt×P.



16 B—R 3 16 R—K 1
 17 Kt—B 3 17 R—K 4
 18 Q—R 3 18 Q—K 3

.....If here 18..., Kt—B 7;
 19 Kt—Q 5, R×Kt; 20 Q—
 B 8 ch, K—B 2; 21 Q×Kt, R—
 K Kt 4; 22 P—K 5!
 19 Q—Q 3 19 P—Kt 4

20 Q R—Kt 1 20 B—B 4

.....An unfortunate necessity,
 for the defence of the Knight,
 which has no good move, and
 21 R×B is threatened.

21 B×B 21 P×B
 22 P—B 4! 22 P×P
 23 K R×P ch 23 K—Kt 2
 24 R×P ch 24 K—R 1
 25 K R—B 7 25 R—R 4
 26 P—K 5 28 Kt—B 4

.....If 26 Q—Kt 3; 27
 Q×Q; 28 Kt—K 4, and 29
 Kt—B 6 wins.

27 Q—K 4 27 P—Q R 4
 28 Kt—Q 5 28 R—Q 1
 29 R—B 6 29 Q—B 1

.....Here Black over-stepped
 the time limit, forfeiting the game.
 But after 30 R—Q B 7, Q—Kt 1;
 31 R×Kt, R×Kt; 32 R×P ch,
 R×R; 33 Q×R. Black's game
 is quite hopeless.

GAME No. 5,634.

Played in the Philidor Cup Tournament at Hyères. Notes by
 J.H.B.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE
 R. H. V. SCOTT

BLACK
 S. BARATZ

1 P—Q 4
 2 Kt—Q 2

1 Kt—K B 3

A declaratory move; it announces
 White's intention to play a defensive
 type of opening with a move
 in hand.

3 P—K 3 2 P—Q 4
 4 K Kt—B 3 3 B—B 4
 5 B—K 2 4 P—K 3
 6 P—Q Kt 3 5 B—Q 3
 7 B—Kt 2 6 Q Kt—Q 2
 8 Castles 7 P—B 4
 8 Q—B 2

.....Black is nothing loth to
 take the attacking role, but here
 he follows White's usual routine
 too closely, overlooking that the
 defending side (in this case White)
 is already in a position to place a

Rook at Q B 1 8..., R—Q B 1
 was the right course, the Queen
 afterwards going to K 2.

9 R—B 1 9 P×P
 10 P×P 10 Q—R 4

.....With loss of a move; but
 it would be hardly prudent to
 wait for P—Q B 4.

11 P—Q R 3 11 Kt—K 5
 12 Kt×Kt 12 B×Kt
 13 P—B 4 13 P×P

.....Not a very desirable
 exchange, but the effect of the
 lost time is now making itself felt;
 he dreads 14 P—Q Kt 4 and 15
 P—B 5.

14 P×P 14 Castles K R
 15 B—Q 3 15 B—B 3

.....Allowing the White
 Bishops too much scope. 15...
 Kt—B 3 was better.

16 R—K 1 16 B—B 5

.....16... Q R—Q 1 or... K R
—K 1 should take precedence of
this.

17 P—Q 5! 17 P×P

.....He dare not take the
Rook because, 17... B×R; 18
Q×B, P×P; 19 Q—Kt 5, P—
B 3; 20, Q—R 5, K R—K 1; 21
Q×P ch, K—B 1; 22 Q—R 8 ch,
K—B 2; 23 Kt—Kt 5 ch, P×Kt;
24, Q×P mate.

18 P×P 18 Q×Q P

19 R—B 4 19 Q—Q 3

.....Necessary before with-
drawing the Bishop, as White
threatens R—Q 4 driving his
Queen to Q—R 4 again; but it
renders his next equally indis-
pensable to save the Queen.

20 P—Kt 3 20 B×Kt

21 Q×B 21 B—R 3

.....Not 21... B—K 4; 22 Q
—K 4, P—B 4; 23 B×Kt, P×
Q; 24 B×Q, P×B; 25 B×R
and wins.

22 R—Q 4 22 Q—Q Kt 3

23 R—Q Kt 4 23 Q—Q 3

24 B—B 5 24 Kt—Kt 3

25 Q—R 5 25 Q—Q 7

.....Either Rook to Q 1 would
be much better.

26 R—K 3! 26 Kt—Q 4

.....Oblivious of his danger;
26... K R—Q 1 is now indis-
pensable.

(See Diagram)

27 R—Q 4

White's original intention was
to play 27 Q×B!, but he had not
previously observed that the
effect of the reply 27... Q—Q 8 ch
would be to bring the Black Queen
into command of his K Kt 4 (on
which square the White Rook
must check if the Queen be
captured); noticing this now, he
changed his mind—needlessly;
he afterwards discovered the very
neat finesse 27 Q×B, Q—Q 8 ch; 28
R—K 1!, Q×R ch; 29 K—Kt 2;

now Black's only resource is 29...
Kt—K 6 ch, 30 Q×Kt (not 30
P×Kt, Q—K 7 ch; 31 K moves,
P×Q), Q×Q; 31 P×Q, and
with two Bishops for Rook and
Pawn, White should win.

27 Q×B
28 R×Kt 28 Q R—Q 1
29 R×R

29 Q R—K 5 was the only
course leaving him with any
prospects (29 R—Kt 5, Q—B 8 ch;
30 K—Kt 2, P—Q Kt 3, is less
favourable to White); then if
29... Q—Q 5, threatening to win
the Exchange by 30... Q—Q 8 ch,
White plays 30 K—Kt 2, and has
still some attack; he in turn
threatens 31 P—K R 4; 32 P—
K Kt 4; and 33 P—Kt 5.

29 R×R

30 R—K 7

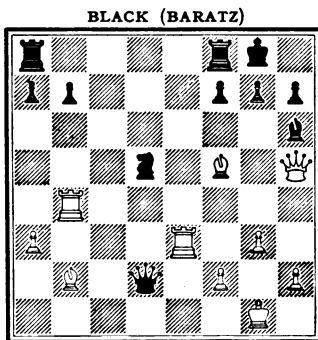
A blunder outright! There is
nothing better left than 30 Q—R 4
to avoid the threat of the next two
moves played by Black; but then
30... Q—Q 7 and White has no
good square left for this Rook.

30 Q—B 8 ch
31 K—Kt 2 31 P—Kt 3
32 Q—Kt 4 32 Q—Kt 4
33 Q×Q 33 B×Q
34 R×Kt P 34 P×B
35 R×R P 35 K—Kt 2

Resigns.

A stroke of luck for the first
prize winner, who was outplayed
in the first twenty-six moves.

Position after 26... K—Q 4.



GAME No. 5,635.

Queen's Gambit Accepted (in effect).

WHITE	BLACK
J. R. CAPABLANCA	E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3
3 Kt—K B 3	3 P×P

..... This game was played at a very late stage of the tournament when White could not afford to draw. Black's intention here was probably simplification.

4 P—K 4	4 P—Q B 4
5 B×P	5 P×P
6 Kt×P	6 Kt—K B 3
7 Kt—Q B 3	7 B—B 4
8 B—K 3	8 Q Kt—Q 2

..... White expected 8... Castles, which is manifestly better. The text move provides the champion with an opportunity for playing a sacrificial attack of a type which in less exacting circumstances he eschews.

9 B×P	9 P×B
10 Kt×P	10 Q—R 4
11 Castles	11 E×B
12 P×B	12 K—B 2
13 Q—Kt 3	13 K—Kt 3
14 R—B 5	

The Viennese player, Kmoch (winner of the Debreczin Tournament), puts forward here 14 R—B 3 as better, with the continuation 14... Kt—K 4; 15 R—Kt 3 ch, K—R 3; 16 R—K B 1, B×Kt; 17 Q×B, with a winning game. At 15 Black could have interposed at Kt 5 either the K Kt, when the reply would be 16 R—K B 1, or the Q Kt, when the reply would be 16 Kt—Q 5.

15 Kt—B 4 ch	14 Q—Kt 3
16 P—K Kt 4	15 K—R 3

This move the champion blames as an error, and points out that he should have played 16 Q—B 7! Black must reply 16... P—Kt 3

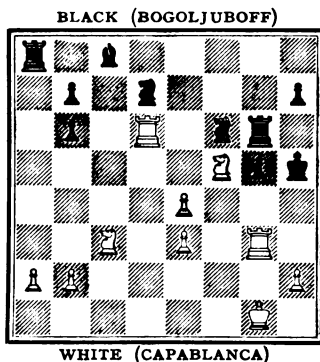
(if 16... P—Kt 4; 17 R×P, wins), whereupon 17 P—K Kt 4, Q×P ch (taking the Rook loses quickly), 18 K—Kt 2, and Black has no saving course: if 18... P×R; 19 P—Kt 5 ch, R×P; 20 Q—Kt 7 ch, and wins.

17 Q×Q	16 P—Kt 4
18 Q R—Q 1	17 P×Q
	18 R—K Kt 1

..... The right move here was (says Capablanca) 18... P×Kt; then 19 P—Kt 5 ch, K—Kt 2 (... K—Kt 3; 20 R—Q 6!); 20 P×Kt ch, Kt×P; 21 R—Kt 5 ch; and 22 P×P, and White has not enough for his piece.

19 K Kt—Q 5	19 Kt×Kt P
20 Kt—K 7	20 R—Kt 2
21 R—Q 6 ch	21 K—R 4
22 R—B 3	22 K Kt—B 3
23 R—R 3 ch	23 K—Kt 5
24 R—Kt 3 ch	24 K—R 4
25 Kt—B 5	25 R—Kt 3

Position after 25... R—Kt 5.



26 Kt—K 7

White wants perhaps to get past the 30th move easily, to have more time for reflection. He has here several alternatives. One was 26 K—Kt 2 (threatening 27 R—R 3 ch and 28 Kt—R 6 ch) but Black still replies 26... P—Kt 5

and White seems to be no further advanced. Another was 26 R—R 3 ch, K—Kt 5; 27 K—Kt 2, Kt×P; 28 R×R, K×Kt (must); 29 R—Kt 8; but then 29... Q Kt—B 3; 30 R moves, Kt×Kt, and Black seems to be out of his difficulties. Still another (also by Herr Kmoch) is 26 R—Q 2, threatening mate in three; the defence 26... P—Kt 5 would then expose Black to another mate by 27 Kt—K 2, Kt×P; 28 P—K R 4! and 29 Kt—B 4, Mate.

26 P—Kt 5

.....Black is understood to have regarded his position as untenable, and therefore to have elected to risk something for a chance of escaping. If 26... R—Kt 2; 27 Q Kt—Q 5 opens up a new series of threats. Black

could not then move his K Kt because of 27 R—R 6 ch, K×R; 28 R—R 3 Mate; meanwhile he would be threatened with 27 Kt—B 4 ch; and 28 R×R, so that he would probably find it advisable to give back the Exchange in that variation also.

27 Kt×R 27 K×Kt

.....If 27... P×Kt; 28 P—K 5!! but he does not escape this by the course chosen.

28 R×P ch 28 K—B 2
29 R—B 4 29 K—Kt 2
30 P—K 5 30 Kt—K 1
31 R—K 6 31 Resigns

.....Because if 31... Kt—B 2 32 R—K 7 ch, K moves; 33 P—K 6 wins a piece. A very remarkable game!

GAME No. 5,636.

Queen's Pawn Opening.

WHITE	BLACK
C. TORRE.	DR. E. LASKER
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—K 3
3 B—Kt 5	

Not a course which meets with general approval. It has been attributed to a desire to develop his Q Kt via Q 2 to Q B 4 without even temporarily blocking the Bishop.

4 P—K 3	3 P—B 4
5 P×P	4 P×P
6 Q Kt—Q 2	5 B—K 2
	6 P—Q 3

.....It is now open to Black to play 6... P—Q 4, transposing into the *Queen's Gambit Declined*, with a much better game than in the normal defences to that opening. The text move represents, however, a treatment of the opening now in some favour; it has on Black's side some affinity with the line most preferred for Black at present in the Sicilian Defence.

7 P—B 3	7 Q Kt—Q 2
8 B—Q 3	8 P—Q Kt 3

9 Kt—B 4	9 B—Kt 2
10 Q—K 2	10 Q—B 2
11 Castles K R	11 Castles K R
12 K R—K 1	12 K R—K 1
13 Q R—Q 1	13 Kt—B 1
14 B—B 1	

Anticipating Black's next. If he left the Bishop at Kt 5 too long he would be unable to keep a hostile Knight out of his K B 4 square.

14 Kt—Q 4
15 Kt—Kt 5

In his earliest European tournament games the criticism chiefly made upon the young Mexican player was that he was too timid in face of the reputations of his opponents. There is no trace of that here; and one annotator is so aghast at the "cheek" of this move that he enquires whether Torre seriously thought he could run over the ex-champion's Kings' side! However there is general agreement that a prudent course was here called for, 15 Kt—R 3 and 16 Kt—B 2 (to prevent ... P—Kt 5) being indicated.

- 16 Kt—R 3 15 P—Kt 4
 17 P×P 16 P—Kt 5
 18 Q—R 5 17 Kt×P
 19 B×B 18 B×Kt
 20 R×Kt 19 Kt×B
 21 P—Q Kt 4 20 Q—R 4
 21 Q—K B 4

.....If 21..., Q×Kt P White has the choice between 22 R—Kt 1: Q—R 4; 23 Kt—B 4, Q—R 3; 24 R×B, Q×R; 25 Kt×P, Q—Q 2; 26 Kt×R, with about an even game, and 22 B—Q 2 preventing the Queen returning to Black's fourth rank, and so giving time for continuance of the attack. The text move is Black's first mistake; 21..., Q—Q 4 gains time by preventing White's dangerous Kt—B 4; if 22 R—K Kt 3, P—K R 3; 23 B—B 6, Kt—Kt 3; 24 Q×Q, B×Q; and White's Bishop could only be extricated at cost of the Exchange. White could better reply to 21..., Q—Q 4 with 22 Q—Kt 4, P—B 4; 23 Q—Kt 3, but his attack has then little sting in it.

- 22 R—Kt 3 22 P—K R 3

.....This move has been passed without comment by annotators generally, but it is open to question whether 22..., P—B 3 was not much better; *e.g.*, 22..., P—B 3, 23 Kt—B 4, K R—Q 1 (Q R—Q 1; 25 Kt×P! wins); 24 Kt—K 3, Q—Kt 3; 25 B×P! Q×B; 26 Kt—Kt 3, Q—Kt 3; 27 Kt—R 6 ch, P×Kt; 28 R×Q ch, P×R, and Black should win.

- 23 Kt—B 4 23 Q—Q 4

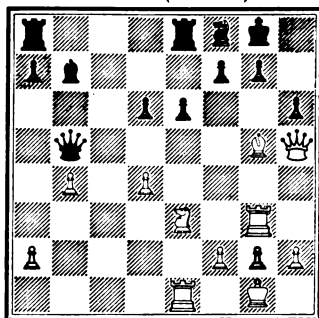
.....Now the effect of the mistake at 21 is apparent; he cannot play a Rook to Q 1 because of 24 B—B 6, Kt—Kt 3; 25 Q×Q, P×Q; 26 B×R. His best course therefore was 23..., P×B; 24 Kt×P, Q—Kt 3; 25 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 26 Kt×B, K R—Kt 1; 27 Kt—B 5, R×P; 28 Kt—Kt 3, P—Q R 4, with at least equality.

- 24 Kt—K 3 24 Q—Kt 4

.....An amazing error; amazing because the play since White's 22nd move has turned upon the fact that White could not advan-

tageously play B—B 6 so long as Black's Queen was covered. His only course now was 24..., Q×Q P; 25 B×P, Kt—Kt 3; but then 26 R—Q 1 leaves Black rather uncomfortable.

Position after 24..., Q—Kt 4.
 BLACK (LASKER)



WHITE (TORRE)

- 25 B—B 6!

The opportunity for which he has worked so ingeniously: Black must take the Queen to avoid being mated.

- 25 Q×Q
 26 R×P ch 26 K—R 1
 27 R×P ch 27 K—Kt 1
 28 R—Kt 7 ch 28 K—R 1
 29 R×B ch 29 K—Kt 1
 30 R—Kt 7 ch 30 K—R 1
 31 R—Kt 5 ch

He prudently abstains from taking one more Pawn before recovering the Queen, because to do so would give the Black Rooks freedom in the subsequent endgame.

- 31 K—R 2
 32 R×Q 32 K—Kt 3
 33 R—R 3 33 K×B
 34 R×R P ch 34 K—Kt 4
 35 R—R 3 35 K R—Kt 1
 36 R—Kt 3 ch 36 K—B 3
 37 R—B 3 ch 37 K—Kt 3
 38 P—Q R 3 38 P—R 4
 39 P×P 39 R×P
 40 Kt—B 4 40 R—Q 4
 41 R—B 4 41 Kt—Q 2
 42 R×P ch 42 K—Kt 4
 43 P—Kt 3 43 Resigns

GAME No. 5,637.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
C. TORRE	G. LÖWENFISCH.
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—Q B 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3
4 Kt—B 3	4 P×P
5 Kt—K 5	

Taking a line of his own, the usual moves being 5 P—K 3, or 5 P—Q R 4.

6 P—B 4	5 Q Kt—Q 2
7 P—K 3	6 P—K 3
	7 Kt×Kt

.....Very questionable, as it leaves White too much command of the centre.

8 B P×Kt	8 Kt—Q 2
9 Q—Kt 4	9 P—K B 4
10 Q—Kt 3	10 P—Q Kt 4
11 B—K 2	11 P—Kt 3
12 P—K R 4	12 B—K 2
13 P—R 5	

13 B—B 3 looks promising, but it provokes the reply 13... Q—Kt 3, after which Black is threatening to get a counter-attack on White's Queen's Pawn (of course after moving the Queen's Rook).

14 P—R 6	13 P—Kt 4
15 P—R 4	14 Castles
16 Kt—Kt 1	15 P—Kt 5
17 Kt—Q 2	16 Kt—Kt 3
18 P×P	17 P—B 6
19 Kt—B 3	18 P×P
20 P—R 5	19 K—R 1
21 P—K 4	20 Kt—Q 4
22 Q—Kt 4	20 P—B 5
23 B×Kt	22 Kt—K 6
24 Castles K R	23 P×B
	24 B—Q 2

.....So wild a position defies analysis. Alternatives here were 24... R—Q Kt 1, or 24... P—B 4; the latter threatens 25... R—B 5 with ... B—Kt 2 to follow later

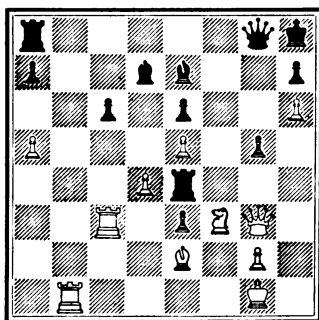
25 Q R—B 1	25 R—B 5
26 Q—Kt 3	26 R×P
27 R×P	27 Q—K Kt 1

.....He dare not play 27... Q×P because of 28 Kt×P! winning.

28 R—Kt 1

Position after 28 R—Kt 1.

BLACK (LÖWENFISCH)



WHITE (TORRE)

28 P—Kt 5

.....An unsound combination, losing the Exchange; the Pawn must remain at Kt 4 to enable him to extricate the Rook.

29 B—Q 3	29 P×Kt
30 Q—Kt 7 ch	

Hitting the flaw in Black's idea, who probably had here reckoned upon 30 Q×Q ch, R×Q; 31 B×R, P—B 7 ch; 32 K—B 1, B—Kt 4.

31 P×Q ch	30 Q×Q
32 B×R	31 K×P
	32 P—K 7

.....Now the ... P—B 7 ch and ... B—Kt 4 idea is weak because of his King being on the second rank, so that R—Kt 7 pins the other Bishop. The threat of the text move is 33... B—Kt 5 or ... B—R 5, according to White's play.

- 33 K-B 2! 33 R-Q Kt 1 40 K-Q 3 40 P-R 4
 34 R×K B P 41 R-Kt 2 41 B-Kt 8
 Not 34 R×R, B-R 5 ch; 35 42 B-R 2 42 K-B 2
 P-Kt 3, B×P ch and wins. 43 R-Q B 2 43 B-R 1
 34 R×R 44 P-R 6 44 P-R 5
 35 B×R 35 P-B 4 45 R-B 7 ch 45 K-Kt 3
 36 R-Q Kt 3 36 B-Q B 3 46 R-B 8 46 B-Q 4
 37 K×P 37 P×P 47 B×B 47 P×B
 38 K-Q 3 38 B-K R 5 48 R-B 8 48 B-B 4
 49 R-B 1 49 Resigns

.....38... B×P; 39 K×P, B-Q 4; 40 R-Kt 3 ch, and wins the Black K R P. Black is trying to avoid this by transpositions.

- 39 K×P 39 B-B 7 ch

.....Because he has no resource against P-K 6, R-B 7 (compelling Black King to be at Kt 3) and R-K B 4 or R-Q B 7 (according to position of Bishop).

GAME No. 5,638.

Played in the fifth round of the Premier Tournament of Hastings

Queen's Gambit Declined (in effect).

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
DR. M. VIDMAR		F. D. YATES		DR. M. VIDMAR		F. D. YATES	
1 P-Q 4		1 Kt-K B 3		31 P-R 3		31 P-Q R 4	
2 P-Q B 4		2 P-K 3		32 B-B 2		32 Q-K 1	
3 Kt-K B 3		3 P-Q Kt 3		33 R-B 4		33 Q-B 2	
4 B-Kt 5		4 B-Kt 2		34 R-R 4		34 B-Q 2	
5 P-K 3		5 B-K 2		35 R-B 4		35 B-K 3	
6 Kt-B 3		6 Castles		36 R-B 1		36 R-Kt 1	
7 B-Q 3		7 P-Q 4		37 B-Q 1		37 P-Kt 5	
8 Castles		8 Q Kt-Q 2		38 B P×P		38 P×P	
9 P×P		9 P×P		39 P×P		39 R×P	
10 R-B 1		10 P-B 4		40 B-Kt 4		40 R-Kt 2	
11 Q-K 2		11 Kt-K 5		41 B×B		41 Q×B	
12 B-K B 4		12 Kt×Kt		42 Q-R 6		42 R-K B 2	
13 P×Kt		13 P-B 5		43 R-R 1		41 Q-B 1	
14 B-B 5		14 P-Kt 3		44 Q-K 3		44 K-Kt 1	
15 B-Kt 1		15 P-B 4		45 Q-K B 3		45 Q-K 3	
16 Kt-K 5		16 Kt×Kt		46 R-R 8 ch		46 R-B 1	
17 B×Kt		17 B-Q 3		47 Q-R 3		47 R×R	
18 P-B 4		18 B×B		48 Q×R ch		48 K-B 2	
19 B P×B		19 B-B 1		49 Q-Kt 7 ch		49 K-K 1	
20 R-B 4		20 B-K 3		50 Q×R P		50 P-B 6	
21 Q R-K B 1		21 Q-K 2		51 Q×P ch		51 K-Q 2	
22 P-K R 3		22 P-Q Kt 4		52 K-R 2		52 K-Q 1	
23 P-Kt 4		23 P×P		53 K-Kt 3		53 Q-B 3	
24 R-B 6		24 R×R		54 Q-Kt 5		54 P-B 7	
25 P×R		25 Q-Q B 2		55 P-B 7 ch		55 K-B 2	
26 Q-K Kt 2		26 P×P		56 P-B 8 (Q)		56 Q-B 6 ch	
27 Q-Kt 5		27 Q-B 2		57 K-R 2		57 P-B 8 (Q)	
28 P-K 4		28 R-K B 1		58 Q(Kt 5)-Q 8 ch		58 K-B 3	
29 P-K 5		29 K-R 1		59 Q(B 8)-K 8 ch		59 K-Kt 2	
30 K-R 1		30 R-K Kt 1		60 Q-Kt 5 ch		60 Resigns	

GAME NO. 5,639.

Played in the Moscow Tournament.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
C. TORRE		F. SAMISCH		C. TORRE		F. SAMISCH	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	11	Castles K R	11	P—K R 3
2	Kt—K B 3	2	P—K 3	12	B—B 4	12	P—Q 3
3	B—Kt 5	3	P—B 4	13	K R—K 1	13	Kt—Q 1
4	P—K 3	4	Kt—B 3	14	Q—Q 1	14	Kt—Q 4
5	Q Kt—Q 2	5	P—Q Kt 3	15	B—Kt 3	15	Castles
6	P—B 3	6	B—Kt 2	16	Kt—R 4	16	P—K Kt 4 ?
7	B—Q 3	7	P×P	17	Q—R 5	17	K—Kt 2 ?
8	K P×P	8	B—K 2	18	R×P!	18	Kt×R
9	Kt—B 4	9	Q—B 2	19	Kt—B 5 ch	19	K—Kt 1
10	Q—Q 2	10	R—Q B 1	20	Kt×P ch	20	Resigns

GAME NO. 5,640.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
C. TORRE		F. DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY		C. TORRE		F. DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	25	R—K 3	25	P—Q R 4
2	Kt—K B 3	2	P—Q Kt 4	26	Kt—K 2	26	P—Kt 5
3	B—B 4	3	B—Kt 2	27	R—Kt 3	27	K—B 1
4	Q Kt—Q 2	4	P—K 3	28	Kt—B 4	28	P×P
5	P—K 3	5	P—Q R 3	29	P×P	29	Q—B 3
6	B—Q 3	6	P—B 4	30	Q—Q 1	30	B—K 5
7	P—B 3	7	Kt—B 3	31	Kt—R 5	31	B×B
8	Q—K 2	8	B—K 2	32	Kt×Kt	32	B—Kt 3
9	P—K R 3	9	Castles	33	P—Q 5!	33	P×P
10	Castles	10	Q—Kt 3	34	Kt×P	34	R—Q 2
11	B—Kt 5	11	P×P	35	K R—K 3	35	Q R—Q 1
12	K P×P	12	Kt—Q 4	36	Q—B 3	36	Q—Kt 2
13	B—K 4	13	B×B	37	Kt—B 6!	37	Q—B 1
14	Kt×B	14	Kt—B 3	38	R—K 8 ch	38	R×R
15	B—Q 3	15	Kt—K 2	39	R×R ch	39	Q×R
16	Q Kt—K 4	16	Q Kt—Q 4	40	Kt×Q	40	K×Kt
17	K R—K 1	17	P—R 3	41	Q—R 8 ch	41	K—K 2
18	Kt×Kt ch	18	Kt×Kt	42	Q×P	42	B—K 5
19	Kt—K 4	19	Kt—Q 4	43	Q—Kt 4	43	P—B 4
20	Q—Q 2	20	P—Q 3	44	P—Q R 4	44	R—Kt 2
21	Kt—Kt 3	21	Kt—B 3	45	Q—Q 4	45	R—Kt
22	R—K 2	22	Q R—B 1	46	K—R 2	46	R—Kt 7
23	Q R—K 1	23	B—Q 4	47	Q×Kt P ch	47	Resigns
24	B—Kt 1	24	K R—Q 1				

The game Capablanca v. Iljin-Shenevsky with special notes by Dr. Schumer, will be given next month.

Problem World.—Great pressure on our space has made it imperative, we regret to say, to hold over B. G. Laws' report of the *Weekly Westminster* Problem Competition till next month.

PROBLEM WORLD

By B. G. LAWS.

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THIRD INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY OF THE DUTCH EAST INDIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION.

Original two-movers and three-movers are invited and must be received by 30th June next.

Each composer may contribute no more than three two-movers and three three-movers, which must be submitted on diagrams with complete solution, to H. Meyer, Salembaplein 7, Weltevreden (Java). Incorrect problems may be corrected on or before the 30th June, 1926.

The adjudicators will consist of H. Weenink, Amsterdam, and another Dutch composer to be named by him.

All contributors will receive a copy of the judges' report and of the chess magazine containing their problem(s). Foreign contributors will receive the report in the English language.

Prizes: Three-movers: First prize, f.50; second, f.35; third, f.20. Two-movers: First prize, f.35; second, f.20; third, f.12.50. Further problems may be honourably mentioned at the judges' discretion.

All problems entered and found correct will become the property of the D.E.I. Chess Association.

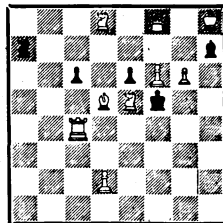
B.C.P.S. FOURTH INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY.

In consequence of the third hon. mention 3-move problem, by K. S. Howard, turning out to have no solution, the judges have substituted the annexed.

An objection has been lodged in regard to the third prize 3-mover by N. K. Malakhoff, which is having the consideration of the judges. Its originality is questioned.

Just as we go to press Dr. Höeg has written us that he and Mr. G. F. Anderson have agreed to disqualify this entry.

Dr. F. RDUCH. No. 51.
Hon. Men., B.C.P.S. Ty.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

On Saturday, the 30th January, the Rev. N. Bonavia-Hunt entertained the members at their monthly meeting with a highly interesting discourse, entitled "What is wrong with our Tourneys?" He treated the subject with clarity, showing the methods at present in vogue in the conduct of problem competitions inflict hardship in some cases and generally lead to results which are not very satisfactory to those who contribute. Naturally he offered suggestions which would tend to minimise the objections. An account will appear in the April issue of *The Problemist*.

B. G. Laws was billed to read a paper, "Mr. Chandler and his Problems," at St. Bride's Institute, Bride Lane, E.C., on 26th February. Mr. T. R. Dawson gives "March Hares" on Friday, 26th inst., at 6-30 p.m.

B.C.P.S. SEVENTH SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 1, by T. G. Hart (p. 44).—1 Q h8. Three points. From "Bow Bells" of September 13th, 1875. A changed-play problem, noteworthy because of the early date.

No. 2, by J. G. Nix (p. 44).—1 B h2. Three points. First prize, *Chess Journal*, sixth tourney, 1877. An incomplete Queen cross with a poor key. One solver questions the use of the Pawn on b6.

No. 3, by F. Schindler (p. 44).—1 Q d3, with a triple after Q x Kt (d4) and a dual after Q e3. Five points. Third prize, *Bahn Frei*, 1890. A tricky problem which has upset some scores. Q x P, Q c7 ch and Kt c6 dbl ch are wrong claims for keys. The use of the Pawn on h4 is obscure.

No. 4, by W. Reilly (p. 44).—1 Q e1. Three points. From *Hampstead Express* of January 30th, 1915. A sparkling treatment with a fine key.

No. 5, by W. Reilly (p. 44).—1 Q a8. Three points. From *Manchester Weekly Times* of September 7th, 1915. Another capital key.

No. 6, by Rev. G. Dobbs (p. 44).—1 Kt h3. Dual threat by Q f6 and Q e7; triple after R d3 or e3, triple after Kt (c3) anywhere but d5, and multiples after most of the Queen moves. Points will be: for key three, for dual threat one, for each of the above triples one, and for Queen multiples six=twelve points. From *Hampstead Express*, of December 12th, 1914.

No. 7, by C. Christensen (p. 44).—1 B d5, B g6; 2 Q c5, etc. If 1..., K g6; 2 Q x Kt ch, etc. If 1..., Kt x B; 2 B f3 ch, etc. Points=16 (key 10, continuations 6). An unusual pure waiter. From *Skakbladet*, of July, 1910. Q d4 is defeated by Kt h6!

No. 8, by J. Moller (p. 44).—1 R f1, threat; 2 Q f8, etc. If 1..., K x R; 2 Q f8 ch, etc. If 1..., Kt c7; 2 Q c8, etc. If 1..., B f5; 2 R x B ch, etc. Points =18 (key 10, continuations 8). A clever Bristol with an unexpected model mate if both Rooks are captured. There is a splendid try by P e3, defeated by Kt x R; 2 Q e8, Kt d4!! From *Skakbladet* (corrected), of July, 1910.

No. 9, by H. F. L. Meyer (p. 44).—1 Kt e4, threat; 2 Q a8, etc. If 1..., P g4; 2 Q h6, etc. If 1..., P x P; 2 Q x P ch, etc. If 1..., R (d) d5; 2 Q e5, etc. If 1..., R (c) d5; 2 Q d4, etc. If 1..., B b8; 2 Q h7, etc. If 1..., Kt b8 (f8); 2 Q f8 ch, etc. Points=24 (key 10, continuations 14). From *Boys' Own Paper*, of 1911.

No. 10, by H. F. L. Meyer (p. 44).—1 Kt x P, threat; 2 R d5 ch, etc. If 1..., K x R; 2 P d4 ch, etc. Points=14 (key 10, continuations 4). From *Boys' Own Paper*, of May, 1890.

No. 11, by J. C. J. Wainwright (p. 44).—1 Kt b6, threats 2 Q a4 and 2 Kt c6, etc. If 1..., K d4 dis ch; 2 Kt (b6) d5 dis ch, etc. If 1..., R x P; 2 Kt x R, etc. If 1..., B f3; 2 B d3 ch, etc. If 1..., R e1; 2 P c3, etc. If 1..., Kt moves; 2 Kt (b6) d5, etc. Points=24 (key 10, continuations 14). Fourth prize, "Redwine" tourney, 1890.

No. 12, by W. A. Clark (p. 44).—1 Kt d3, threat; 2 Q f4 ch. If 1..., K x Kt; 2 Q f4 ch, etc. If 1..., K f3; 2 Q h3 ch, etc. If 1..., P x Kt; 2 Kt e5 ch, etc. If 1..., B c7; 2 Q h4 ch, etc. If 1..., B or P g5; 2 Q h3 ch, etc. Points=22 (key 10, continuations 12). Note: Black's play of P x B or B h4 cannot be reckoned as different continuations. Second prize, *Manchester Weekly Times* tourney, 1893.

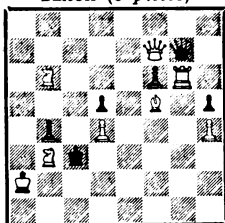
Full points for the month in Section "A," are 147. Solutions were received from C. Folley (147 points), G. Stillingfleet Johnson (146), A. H. Haddy (145), J. A. Lewis (144), B. A. Russ (135), the Rev. E. W. Poynton (133), J. R. Carr (129), A. C. Vaughan (128), J. Leishman (116), and J. Mackintosh (114).

In Section "B" the full points are 29. Solutions were received from G. Coley (28 points), G. H. A. Wise (27), C. E. Rapley (18), J. R. Whalley (18), G. E. Hopkins (12) and J. H. Murgatroyd (12). Note: Problem No. 22 (see *B.C.M.*, February, page 105) is cancelled. There should be a White Bishop on g8.

The final instalment of problems is given on p.152. Solutions should be posted to Mr. D. Pirnie, 10 Northwood Road, Highgate, London, N.6, by April 15th next.

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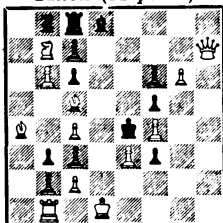
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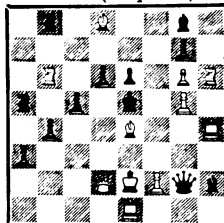
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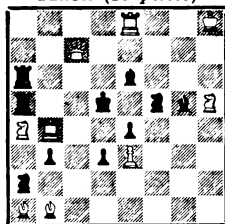
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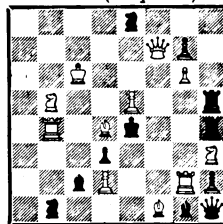
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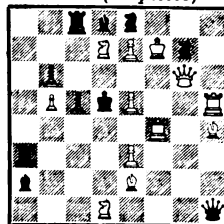
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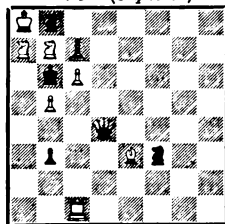
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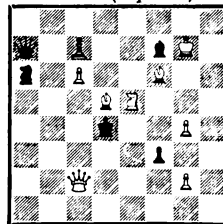
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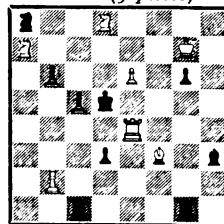
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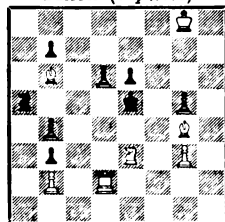
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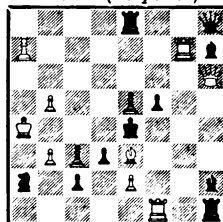
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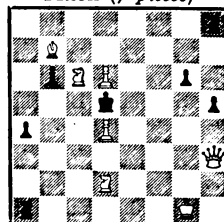
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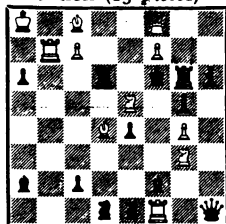
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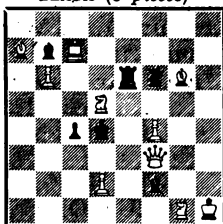
DUTCH EAST INDIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION SECOND INTERNATIONAL
TOURNEY (1925).*Two-Mover.*

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By K. A. L. LARSEN
(Copenhagen).
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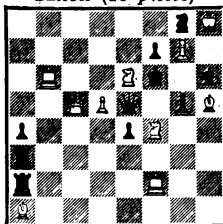
WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By K. HANNEMANN
(Copenhagen).
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize.
By F. SIMHOVICI
(Roumania).
BLACK (10 pieces)

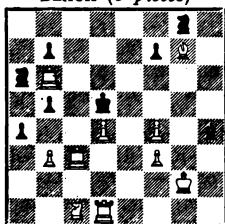


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Hon. mentions : J. van Dijk, A. Ellerman and Tan Hein Yan.

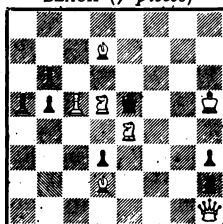
Three-Movers.

First Prize.
By K. HANNEMANN.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By L. VETESNIK.
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
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Third Prize.
By F. SIMHOVICI.
BLACK (8 pieces)

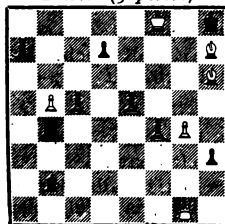


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Hon mentions : K. Hannemann, Dr. F. Rduch (2).

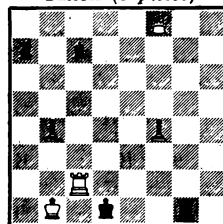
"NARODNI POLITIKA" FOURTH TOURNEY (1925).

First Prize.
E. KADERA.
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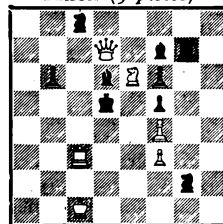
WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By C. F. HAIDIK.
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.
By J. VASTA.
BLACK (9 pieces)



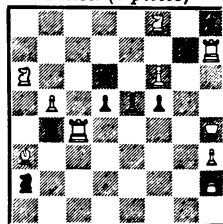
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Hon. mentions : J. Charholons, J. Kotrc, V. Kadera and J. Hazlar.

When recording the result of the Tourney in memory of the late G. Guidelli, taken from *L'Alfiere di Re*, we intended to quote the clever two-mover, now given, which was dedicated to those who participated in the competition. As presented by our Palermo contemporary it might appear as being the unaided work of the Judge, Mr. A. C. White, whereas it is the joint composition of that distinguished problemist and our esteemed contributor, Mr. Kenneth S. Howard, of Rochester, New York.

By Kenneth S. Howard
and Alain C. White.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

SOLUTIONS

No. 2,543, by W. E. Caine.—1 Q—K R 1. A nice straightforward block two-mover made interesting by a sacrificial key and the reply to 1..., Kt—Kt 5.

No. 2,454, by K. Sypniewski.—1 Kt—B 2. Rather unusual in idea and construction; the variety is small compared with the White force used. The mates after 1..., P—K 6 and P×Kt are good.

No. 2,545, by R. Kintzig.—1 Kt—B 5, P×Q; 2 R—K 6. If 1..., P—K 4, 2 R×Q P ch. If 1..., B—Kt 2, 2 R—K 5 ch. If 1..., others; 2 R—K 6. The quiet second move tends to make this a little difficult, though the best continuation is probably after 1..., B—Kt 2. The White King's Rook's Pawn saves an obvious cook.

No. 2,546, by B. G. Laws.—Solved in two by 1 R—B 4.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 46).—1 K—B 3, Q—B 6 ch; 2 K—Kt 4. If 1..., Q—Kt 2 ch, 2 Kt—B 6 dbl ch. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 Q—K 1 ch. If 1..., Q×B, 2 Kt—B 6 ch.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 46).—1 K—R 7, Kt (B 7) moves dis ch, Q—R 3 or 4 or R—K 8. 2 Kt—K 3. If 1..., P Queens ch, 2 Kt—R 5. If 1..., R—Kt 8, 2 Kt—Kt 2. If 1..., R—Q 8, 2 Kt—Q 2. If 1..., B or Q—R 7, 2 Kt—Q 6.

By N. K. Malakhoff (p. 46).—1 K—K 7, K×Kt (Q 3); 2 B—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., K×Kt (Q 5), 2 B—Kt 3 ch, If 1..., Q B P moves, 2 Kt—Kt 6 ch. If 1..., Kt—B 2, 2 Kt(Q 3)×P. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—K 5 ch.

By K. Nielsen (p. 46).—1 R—R 6, P×R; 2 Q—Kt 4. If 1..., R×R, 2 Q—Kt 7. If 1..., others; 2 R×R ch.

By J. Scheel (p. 46).—1 Q—B 7, K×Kt; 2 B—Kt 7 ch. If 1..., Kt×Kt, 2 Kt—B 5 ch. If 1..., Kt—B 5; 2 B×Kt. If 1..., Kt else or P—Q 3; 2 P—Q 3 ch. If 1..., P—Q 4; 2 Q×Kt ch.

By K. S. Howard (p. 46).—1 Q—B 3 fails after 1..., Kt—B 8; 2 Q—B 5, Q—Kt 3.

By J. Scheel (p. 47).—1 P—Q 4, R×P; 2 P×R. If 1..., K—Q 6; 2 Q—Kt 2. If 1..., others; 2 R—R 2.

By K. A. K. Larsen (p. 47).—1 Q—K Kt 2, K—Q 5; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1..., Q R—Q 5; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1..., K R—Q 5; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch. If 1..., Kt×R; 2 B×Kt ch. If 1..., Kt—B 7; 2 R—B 2 dis ch. If 1..., others; 2 R—B 3 dis ch.

By H. M. Prideaux (p. 48).—1 Kt—B 5, K×Q Kt; 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1..., K×K Kt; 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1..., K—Q 6; Kt—B 4 ch. If 1..., Kt×Q B; 2 Q—K 3 ch (threat). If 1..., Kt×K B; 2 Kt—Q 6 (threat).

By A. Mosely (p. 50).—1 Q—R 4. A neat idea artistically expressed. The change-mate to meet the Rook check, though not new, is nicely blended with the other features.

By Dr. O. T. Blathy (p. 50).—We give the solution of this remarkable position as printed on his Christmas card. By using the algebraic notation space is saved.

1 R f8†, K×f8; 2 Q b4†, K g8; 3—5 Q c4—c5—d5†; 6 R f7†; 7 R×c7†; 8 R f7†; 9 R×b7†; 10 R f7†; 11 R×a7†; 12 R f7†; 13 R b7†; 14 S e6†, S×e6 (K g8); 15 S×g5†; 16 R f7†, K g8; 17 R h7†; 18 R×h8†; 19 Q d6†; 20—28 Q e6—d6—d5—c5—c4—b4—b3—a3—a2†; 29 Q×f2†; 30—40 Q a2—a3—b3—b4—c4—c5—d5—d6—e6—f5—g4†; 41—52 Q f5—e6—d6—d5—c5—c4—b4—b3—a3—a2—f2×g2†; 53—59 Q f1—c4—c5—d5—d6—e6—e7†, K g8; 60 R×b8, P h1Q†; 61 K b2, D 8h2† (Q g7; 62 Q×e8†, K h7; 63 R b7, or A); 62 S c2, Q×c2†; 63 K×c2, Q g2†; 64 K b3, Q g3† (Q f3†; 65 K b4); 65 K a2, Q f2† (B); 66 R b2, B f7† (Q f7†; 67 Q×Q†, B×Q†; 68 K b1); 67 K a3, Q e3†; 63 Q d4†; 69 R b4, Q a1† (Q d1; 70 K a5, Q d5†; 71 K b6); 70 K b5, Q f1†; 71 K a5, Q a1†; 72 K b6, Q g1†; 73 Q c5, Q g6†; 74 K b7 and wins, e.g., Q e6 (P e3, 75 P a7); 75 Q c8†, Q×Q† (K g7; 76 Q×Q, B×Q; 77 K c6); 76 K×c8, B d5; 77 B b7, K f8 (P e3, 78 R e7); 78 P a7. White began by giving 59 checks, then came Black's turn with a series of 14 checks, but this only delayed the fatal end.

(A) 61.—Q g2†; 62 S c2, Q h g7; 63 Q×e8†, K h7; 64 Q h5†, Q h6; 65 R b7†.

(B) 65.—Q g2†; 66 K a3, Q g3†; 67 R b3, Q g6; 68 K b2, Q g2† (B f7; R b8†, and if 68.—P e3; 69 R b8, Q g2†; 70 K a3); 69 K c3, Q g3† (Q f3†; 70 K b4); 70 K c4, Q g6 (B f7†; 71 Q×B†; 72 R×Q); 71 R g3†, Q×g3; 72 Q×e8†, K g7; 73 Q d7†, K g6; 74 Q d6†, K h5; 75 P a7, Q g8† (Q f2; 76 P a8Q, Q c2†; 77 K b5, Q e2†; 78 K c6, Q c2†; 79 K d7); 76 Q d5, Q c8†; 77 K b5, Q e8†; 78 Q c6, Q f7; 79 P a8Q, Q b3†; 80 K c5, Q c2†; 81 K d6, Q†; 82 K c7.

No. 2,547, by E. Boswell.—1 Kt×P. The key gives two flights, but is discounted by the fact of its pinning the Bishop and makes a capture. The four defences lead to pretty and unusual effects.

No. 2,548, by W. Langstaff.—1 P—Kt 4, R×Kt (threat); 2 R—B 5 ch. If 1..., R—R 4; 2 R—K 3. If 1..., K—K 5; 2 Q—K 6. This has proved a rather difficult problem to solve and we know it was troublesome to get sound. The variety is not considerable, but the play is good and the models nice.

No. 2,549, by K. S. Howard.—1 B—B 5, threatening 2 P—K 4 ch. If 1..., Q—K 6; 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1..., B—K 6; 2 Kt×Q. If 1..., P×P, Q or R—Q 6; 2 P—K 4 ch. Though requiring a large number of men, this is a very ingenious three-mover and the four mates of the Queen are unexpected.

No. 2,549, by Dr. F. Rduch.—1 Q—Q 8, K×Kt P; 2 Q—K 8 ch. If 1..., B×P; 2 Kt—R 4 ch. If 1..., Kt—K 2; 2 Q×K Kt. If 1..., P×P; 2 R×P ch. If 1..., others; 2 P×P. A very clever combination, among other features a diagonal and lateral model mate. The key is a nice one and the threat with a model Knight mate is a pleasing point.

By G. Hume (p. 106).—1 B—K B 6.

By G. Hume (p. 106).—The Black Queen at Q 2 should be the Black King.—1 R—Q R 1, Q—K 5 or Kt×P; 2 Kt—K 6. If 1..., Kt—K 5 or Q×Q BP 2 Kt—B 7. If 1..., others; 2 Q×P ch.

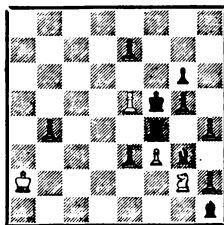
By G. Hume (p. 106).—1 R—Kt 4, B—R 2; 2 Q—B 8 ch, K—Q 4; 3 P—B 4 ch, P×P e.p.; 4 K—B 2 dis ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—K 7 ch, K—Q 4; 3 Q—K 4 ch, K—B 4; 4 R—B 4 ch.

By C. H. Brockelbank (p. 106).—1 R—R 5 ch, K—Kt 3; 2 P—Kt 5, K—B 4; 3 P—Kt 6 dis ch, K—Q 5; 4 R—K B 4.

By C. H. Brockelbank (p. 106).—A Black Bishop was omitted through an oversight, not the author's, at KR 8. We reprint it in the margin. This Black Bishop is required to prevent a rather ingenious cook.

By C. H. Brockelbank.—1 R—Kt 5, K—Kt 3; 2 Kt—B 5, K—B 4; 3 Kt—Kt 3 dis ch, K—Q 5; 3 R—K B 4. Here we have a "switchback" with Rook and Knight.

BLACK (11 pieces)

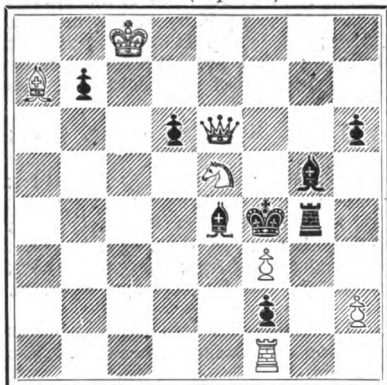


WHITE (4 pieces)

Black to play and help White to mate in four.

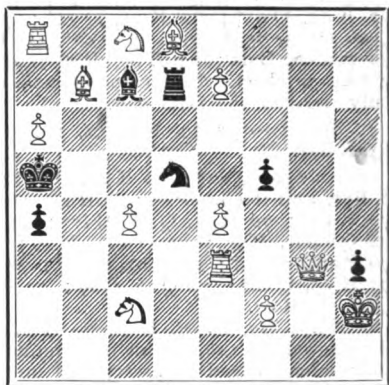
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,555.

By F. S. TUCKER
(Bristol).BLACK (8 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

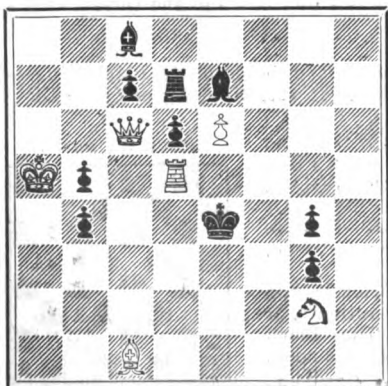
White mates in two moves.

No. 2,556.

By BRIAN HARLEY.
(London).BLACK (7 *pieces*)WHITE (13 *pieces*)

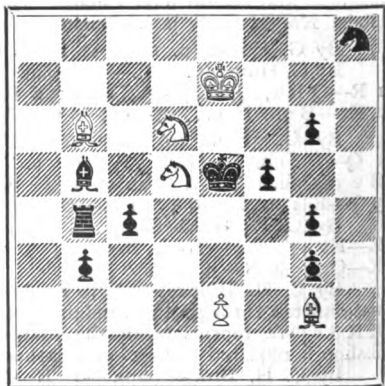
White mates in three moves.

No. 2,557.

By S. GREEN.
(London).BLACK (10 *pieces*)WHITE (6 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,558.

By B. G. LAWS.
(London).BLACK (10 *pieces*)WHITE (6 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.



Photo.

Theo. J. Gidden, Southport

R. P. MICHELL
Champion of the City of London Chess Club, 1925-6

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MR. R. P. MICHELL.

Mr. R. P. Michell, the new champion of the City of London Chess Club, needs very little introduction to chess players. His reputation is international and had he made chess his life study, there is little doubt he would have reached the highest planes. His work at the Admiralty, however, has been so strenuous—especially during the war—that it is wonderful that he has retained his form at chess at all. Born at Penzance in the 'seventies, he joined the local club at the age of 15 and soon gave promise of first-class strength. On coming to London he joined first the Metropolitan Club, winning the championship in 1897, and soon after the City of London, where he has played year after year in the championship—six times second, and always near the top, but never till now actually first. He played for West London in the "A" Division of the London Chess League from 1900 to 1920. He was selected to play for England in the Cable Match *v.* America in 1901, when he beat C. S. Howell, but in the following year the Brooklyn player avenged this defeat. In 1903 he beat C. J. Newman, but in 1907 and 1908 was beaten by Howell and Wolbrecht respectively. In the last two of these contests he drew his games, L. B. Meyer being his opponent in each case. Altogether a fine record in which he did his full share in winning the trophy permanently for Great Britain. He has played for the British Championship on most occasions since its institution in 1904, and has been second, third, fourth, and sometimes lower. Several times he has beaten H. E. Atkins (very finely at Southport in 1924) but has never ousted him from his title.

Further successes were the British Amateur Championship in 1902, and first prize in Brighton Open Tournament, 1904, while in 1914 in a match against Holland his game was awarded the brilliancy prize.

The Victory Tournament at Hastings in 1919 saw him selected to play in the premier event, where his game, with Capablanca was considered the best effort against the famous Cuban.

In 1922 he won the Major Open Tournament at the London International Congress with a score of 8, playing some splendid games against the picked representatives of Bavaria, Roumania, Scandinavia, Italy, and Belgium, not to mention his redoubtable countrymen: Blake, Scott, and E. G. Sergeant.

1923 raised him to the level of the best foreign masters, for he tied for second place in a tournament which included Alekhine, Bogoljuboff, Reti, and Grunfeld.

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In 1925 he received an invitation to play in the Master Tournament at Marienbad, where his final position was a lowly one. But the quality of the chess he played made it quite obvious that greater experience of events like this, and a few days rest from his civil duties before their commencement would enable him to rub shoulders with the best. He drew with Marshall, Torre and Grunfeld, and beat Przepiorka and Haida.

Always courteous and unassuming, Mr. Michell is one of the most delightful personalities, while Mrs. Michell is not only one of the best of the lady players, but is an organiser of great ability, who has spent many hours arranging functions in the interests of the clubs with which she has been connected.

CITY OF LONDON CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

GASTINEAU CUP TOURNAMENT, 1925-26.

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1	R. P. Michell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9½
2	J. H. Blake	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
3	W. Gooding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8½
4	E. G. Sergeant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
5	R. C. J. Walker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
6	E. T. Jesty	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6½
7	H. Saunders	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6½
8	V. Buerger	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
9	V. L. Wähltuch	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
10	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5½
11	F. F. L. Alexander	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
12	H. B. Uber	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
13	H. S. Barlow	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4½
14	Herbert Jacobs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

The first prize is the cup for the year, the championship medal and ten guineas.
J. M. Bee and J. P. Savage scratched through illness.

City of London Chess Club.—The following are the first prize winners in the tournaments now finished, viz.: Gastineau Cup and Championship Medal, R. P. Michell; Neville Hart Cup, E. Scam; Mocatta Cup, E. M. Lane; Russell Cup, J. R. Napier; Barrett Cup, W. C. Walker; Murton Cup Handicap, J. H. Blake. The prizes range from ten guineas to two guineas.

Easter Congress at Weston-super-Mare.—There are still a few vacancies in the events at this important meeting and intending competitors should write at once to J. D. Howell, 22 Beach Road, Weston.

The Major Open Tournament will include Max Euwe, Sir George Thomas, E. Spencer, T. H. Tylor and Edgard Colle (Belgian champion), and there will be no better place than the sunny Western resort for chess players at Easter.

CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

CLUES ACROSS.

1. Do this carefully before making a sacrifice.
4. One of the men.
8. Don't swear when it breaks.
10. What Tournament conductors are always saying.
11. Satisfies neither player.
12. Your opponent.
13. Much played opening.
14. Do it if you are tired of trying to solve this.
15. What your solution should be to win the prize.
16. Continent where chess originated.
18. A gambit (abbrev.).
19. A branch of the Giuoco.
21. Initials of continental chess master.
22. A piece.
23. Initials of a great continental master.

1	2		3	4	5	6	7
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11					12		
13					14		
15		16	17			18	
19						20	
21		22				23	24
	25		26				

25. A way of writing name of a piece
26. Inconvenient restriction.

CLUES DOWN.

1. Initials of three pieces (Ger.).
 2. Well-known defence.
 3. The opening we all want to discover.
 4. An opening difficult for routine players.
 5. Dropped on the board by a careless player.
 6. The move.
 7. Stalemate (two words).
 9. A champion (first half of name).
 13. Dutch player.
 14. What you feel when next clue down occurs.
 17. Result of chess blindness.
 20. Initials of an English champion.
 22. Another piece.
 24. Initials of a continental master.
- (All the players mentioned are now living).*

A prize of a Pocket Chess Board will be given for the *first* correct solution received by Mrs. E. Michell, 26 Alexandra Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey.

VILLAGE SCHOOL CHESS ACTIVITIES.

MOST FLOURISHING IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

The Chess activities of the boys of Maltby Council School, Rotherham, are almost unique amongst the elementary schools of this country, both in the extent of their work and in the numbers of boys who take part.

Started as an experiment about two years ago, it has grown beyond all expectations, and it can safely be said there is not another school in Yorkshire—and probably not in the British Isles—where the championship of the school attracts an entry of 60 players. This tourney was begun in 1924, when about 20 boys participated, the numbers have steadily increased each term, each attracting more entrants than the one before. The last three competitions have been remarkable from the fact that the same two boys have figured in the final each time—C. Bagshaw and L. Hopkinson, and C. Bagshaw has defeated his rival each time.

Much of the success of the boys' efforts is due to the interest and encouragement shown by the Rev. C. E. Hughes, the Vicar of Maltby, himself a keen player and the founder of the Maltby Chess Club.

The boys made, and still continue to play on, boards made by themselves during their handwork lessons: they even went so far as to carve out a set of men from some stiff cardboard before sufficient funds were available to buy sets.

Chess, though such an institution at this up-to-date school, does not in any way interfere with more active games: in fact, the two leading chess lights are both players in the school football team, which has not lost a match or had a goal scored against it in the local schools' football league.

Our best thanks to Mr. Horsfield for supplying these facts.

RANDOM SUGGESTIONS, No. 20.

NOTES ON THE KIESERITZKY GAMBIT. BY STASCH MLOTKOWSKI.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, P×P; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 4; 4 P—K R 4, P—Kt 5; 5 Kt—K 5.

I.	II.
5 Kt—K B 3	5 B—Kt 2
6 P—Q 4	6 Kt×P
P—Q 3	P—Q 4
7 Kt—Q 3	7 P—Q 4
Kt×P	P×P
8 B×P	8 B×P
Q—K 2	Q×P
9 Q—K 2	9 Q×Q
Kt—Q B 3 (a)	B×Q
10 P—B 3	10 P—B 3
B—B 4 (b)	B×Kt
11 Kt—R 3 (c)	11 P×B
Castles	Kt—Q B 3
12 Castles	12 B—Q Kt 5
P—K R 4 (d)	Castles
	13 B×Kt
	P×B
	14 Castles K R
	P—B 3 (e)
	15 B—K 3 (f)
	Kt—K 2
	16 Kt—B 3
	P—K B 4 (g)

NOTES.

(a) 9... B—Kt 2 is the accepted move; then 10 P—B 3, P—K R 4; 11 P—K Kt 3, P—Q 4; 12 B—Kt 2, B—K 3; 13 Kt—B 5, this last being a suggestion of Rubinstein's. Black would do well to vary with... Kt—K B 3 on either his 10th or 11th moves. 9... Kt—K B 3 may also be played.

(b) Black could play ... Kt—K B 3 here too.

(c) If 11 Kt—Q 2, Kt×Kt. Or 11 P—K Kt 3, Castles, and 12 B—Kt 2 is answered by ... Kt×Kt P. Or 11 P—Q 5, Kt—Kt 1; 12 Kt—R 3, Kt—K B 3.

(d) Black threatens ... B—R 3, and not only holds the Pawn, but has even a slight advantage in position.

(e) Book is here ... P—K R 4 so as to protect the King's Pawn with King's Bishop's Pawn in reply to Kt—B 3, and have an escape for his Rook should White play B—K 5.

(f) If 15 P—Q 5, P×P. Or 15 Kt—B 3, R×P; 16 B—K 3, R—Q 6; 17 B×P, P—K B 4.

(g) Black holds the Pawn. White may make a struggle for the draw, aided by Bishops of opposite colours.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS.

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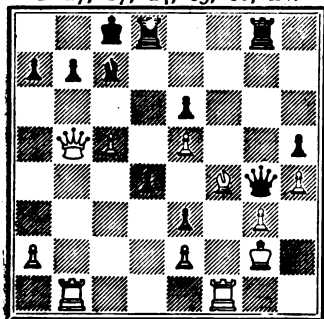
Readers will have probably discovered for themselves that the Problems on Openings last month should have been numbered 23 and 24, not 21 and 22. In No. 24 White's fourteenth move should have been 14 B—Q6, not B—Q3.

The solutions of Competition Problems No. 1 and No. 2 are as follows, and my work both on them and on readers' solutions have been considerably lightened by the help of the gentleman who has so kindly presented the prizes. The problems in question I once more repeat.

COMPETITION' PROBLEM NO. 1.
After many errors by both players the following position was reached.

BLACK (11 pieces)

K c8; Q g4; R d8, g8; B c7;
P a7, b7, d4, e3, e6, h5.



WHITE (11 pieces)

K g2; Q b5; R b1, f1; B f4;
P a2, c5, e2, e5, g3, h4.

Black to play.

The possible continuations are: (a) 1... P—Q6; (b) 1... Q R—K1; (c) 1... R—Kt2; (d) 1... K R—B1; (e) 1... R—Q4; (f) 1... R—Q2; (g) 1... Q R—B1; (h) 1... P—Kt3.

(a) Is best, followed closely by (b) and (c), (d) and (e), are better than any of the remaining three. I have not space to go into all. (a) 1... P—Q6 is best, because it is an attacking line. There follows 2 P×P, P—K7; 3 Q×P ch, K—Q2; 4 R—B3, P—K8=Kt ch; 5 R×Kt, R—Kt1; 6 P—B6 ch, K—Q1; 7 B—Kt5 ch, R×B; 8 R—B8 ch, K—K2; 9 Q×B ch, K×R; 10 Q×R ch, K moves; 11 P×R and wins. An alternative is 6... K—K1; 7 Q×B, R—Kt7 ch; 8 K—Kt1, Q×R; 9 Q—Q7 ch, K—B1; 10 B—R6, R—Kt2; 11 Q×R, K—K1; 12 Q—Q7 mate. If 4... R—Kt1; 5 P—B6 ch, K—Q1; 6 B—Kt5 ch, Q×B; 7 Q×R ch, B×Q; 8 P×Q, B×P; 9 R—K1, K—B2; 10 R×P, R×P; 11 P—Q4, B×P; 12 R×P. If 2... Q—K7 ch; 3 K—Kt1, and Black must play either 3... Q—Kt5 or R—Kt2.

Black has at least four (perhaps more) lines to consider seriously.

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result in all of the best lines Black may follow.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

(1) The Black King must be prevented from reaching K1.

(2) Black must keep K3 guarded.

(3) The capture of White K P is not of vital importance to White, but if Black Q can get to Q B5, it may cause trouble.

If (b). 1... Q R—K 1; 2 Q×P ch, K—Q 1; 3 R—B 3! R—Kt 2; 4 R—Kt 4, B×P; 5 R×P ch, B×R; 6 Q—R 8 ch, K—K 2; 7 B—Q 6 ch, K—Q 2; 8 Q—Kt 7 ch, K—Q 1; 9 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—Q 2; 10 Q—B 7 mate. If 6... K—Q 2; 7 Q—Kt 7 ch, K—Q 1; 8 Q—Kt 8 ch, K—K 2; 9 B—Q 6 ch, K—Q 2; 10 Q—B 7 mate. If 2... K—Q 2; 3 P—B 6 ch, K—Q 1; 4 R—B 3.

(c) 1... R—Kt 2 (one of Black's best defensive lines); 2 Q×P ch, K—Q 2; 3 Q—Kt 5 ch, K—K 2; 4 Q—B 6! (B—Kt 5 ch is wrong, because of R×B in reply. If then 5 P×R, B×P), Q×K P ch; 5 K—Kt 1, R—Q 2; 6 R—Kt 7, K—Q 1; 7 R×B, R×R; 8 B—Kt 5 ch, R×B; 9 R—B 8 ch, K—K 2; 10 Q—K 8 mate.

(d) If 1... K R—B 1; 2 Q×P ch, K—Q 2; 3 Q—Kt 5 ch, K—B 1; 4 P—B 6, R—Q 4; 5 Q—Kt 7 ch, K—Q 1; 6 Q—R 8 ch, K—K 2; 7 B—Kt 5 ch, etc.

(e) If 1... R—Q 4; 2 Q×P ch, K—Q 1; 3 B—Kt 5 ch, R×B; 4 Q—R 8 ch, K—K 2; 5 Q—B 8 ch, K—Q 2; 6 R—B 7 ch, R—B 3; 7 Q—R 8 ch, K×P; 8 R×B mate.

(f) If 1... R—Q 2; 2 Q×P ch, K—Q 1; 3 B—Kt 5 ch.

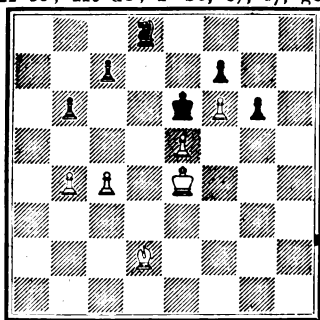
(g) If 1... Q R—B 1; 2 Q×P ch, K—Q 1; 3 B—Kt 5 ch.

(h) If 1... P—Kt 3; 2 P—B 6, Q R—B 1; 3 Q—R 6 ch, K—Q 1; 4 B—Kt 5 ch, R×B; 5 R×R ch, K—K 2; 6 Q—R 3 ch, B—Q 3; 7 Q×B mate. If 2... Q R—K 1; 3 Q R—Q 1, R—Kt 2; 4 Q—R 6 ch, K—Q 1; 5 R×P ch, K—K 2; 6 B—Kt 5 ch, R×B; 7 R—Q 7 mate.

COMPETITION PROBLEM No. 2.
After White's 41st move the following position was reached

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result.

BLACK (6 pieces)
K e6; Kt d8; P b6, c7, f7, g6.



WHITE (6 pieces)
K e4; B d2; P b4, c4, e5, f6.

Black to play.

Kt 3, Kt—B 1; 7 B—R 2, Kt—Kt 3; 8 B—Kt 3, Kt—R 5; 9 B—R 2, Kt—B 4; 10 B—Kt 1, P—Kt 5; 11 K—B 4, P—Kt 6; 12 K—K 4, Kt—Q 5.

If 5 P×P, P×P; 6 B—Kt 3, Kt—Kt 3; 7 K—Q 3, K—B 4; or 6 B—K 3, Kt×K P; 7 B×P, Kt×P; 8 B—Q 4, P—Kt 4. If 3 P—Kt 5, Kt—Q 2; 4 B—Q 4, P—Kt 4; 5 B—B 3, P—Kt 5; 6 K—B 4, P—Kt 6; 7 K×P, Kt×P; 8 P—B 5, P×P; 9 B—R 5,

Black wins. The main line is as follows: 1... Kt—B 3; 2 B—B 3, Kt—Kt 1; 3 B—Q 2, Kt—Q 2; 4 B—B 4, P—B 4; 5 P—Kt 5, P—Kt 4; 6 B—R 2, Kt—B 1; 7 B—Kt 3, Kt—Kt 3; 8 B—R 2, Kt—R 5; 9 B—Kt 3, Kt—B 4; 10 B—R 2, P—Kt 5; 11 B—B 4, Kt—Q 5; 12 B—K 3, P—Kt 6.

If 11 K—B 4, P—Kt 6; 12 B—Kt 1, Kt—Q 5; 13 B×Kt, P×B; 14 K×P, K×P.

If 6 B×P, Kt×P; 7 B—B 4, Kt×P; 8 B—B 7, K—Q 2; 9 B moves, Kt—Q 3. Or 6 B—

P-B 6; or if 3 P-B 5, P×P; 4 P×P, P-B 3; 5 B-Kt 2, Kt-Q 2; 6 B-Q 4, P-Kt 4; 7 B-K 3, P-Kt 5; 8 B-Q 4, P-Kt 6; 9 K-B 3, P-Kt 7; 10 K×P, Kt×P.

ANSWERS TO SOLVERS: "A.M."—In 1, after 1..., P-Q 6; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 P×P, K-K 1; 4 Q-B 6 ch, R-Q 2 is much better than K-B 2. After 1..., P-Kt 3; 2 P-B 6, Q R-B 1; 3 Q-R 6 ch, K-Q 1; 4 Q-Kt 7 is better than B-Kt 5 ch. And on 1..., Q×R P; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 R-Kt 4 is White's best move, not P-B 6 ch. Attempt at No. 2 is poor. White should play 4 B-Q 2 in your variation, not B-Q 4. "Clare"—After 1..., P-Q 6 White must capture the Pawn either on 2nd or 3rd move. Your continuations for Black, after 1..., P-Kt 3 or 1..., Q R-B 1 are also weak. Your effort in 2 is better. In your first variation, however, White should play 6 B-R 2 not B-Kt 3. In 2, after 1..., P-K Kt 4 White must not take the Pawn. "Pussycat"—You failed in 2. If 1..., Kt-B 3; 2 B-R 3, P-K Kt 4; 3 P-Kt 5, Kt-Kt 1; 4 P-B 5, P×P; 5 B-R 5, P-B 3; 6 P-Kt 6, Kt-Q 2! White cannot stop all three threats, Kt×K P, P-B 5, etc., P-Kt 5, etc. "Sirius"—In 1 the answer to 1..., Q×R P; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2 is 3 R-Kt 4. You move B-Kt 5 ch too early in most of your variations. In 2 the Bishop at move 4 must go to Q 2. "Hotchpot"—In your variations 1..., R-Kt 2; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 B-Kt 5, Q×P ch! 4 any, Q-B 5. Black only loses the Exchange, and has two powerful passed Pawns. 1..., Q-Kt 2; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 Q-Kt 5 ch, K-B 1; 4 P-B 6, B-Kt 5. "Cradock"—Am afraid most of your variations to No. 1 are incorrect, but I can see you have worked hard at them. No. 2 you have not studied sufficiently carefully to get best moves on both sides. "Wifile"—Your solutions are not carried far enough. After 1..., R-Q 2; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 1; 3 Q-R 8 ch, K-K 2; 4 B-Kt 5 ch, Q×B! And if 1..., P-Q 6; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 P-B 6 ch, K-K 1; 4 Q-Kt 4, Q×P ch; 5 K-Kt 1, R-B 1 and how can White win? In No. 2 you do not try to win for Black. "Ostree"—In your first variation Black would play 2..., B-B 2. In the second 3..., R-Kt 2 followed by 4..., Q×P ch and 5 P-Q 7 with sufficient compensation for the Bishop. After 1..., P-Q 6; 2 P×P, P-K 7; 3 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 4 R-B 3 must be played. "Knowsley"—In variation I, 4 Q-Kt 7; II, 4 Q-B 6; III, 6 R-B 7 ch; IV, 3 R-Kt 4 are the correct moves for White. In No. 2, if 1..., P-B 3; 2 P-Kt 5, forces P-B 4, and now Black can only draw. "Cic"—Not equal to some of your efforts at Senior problems. "G.M.A."—In variation I, 4 Q-R 8 ch; II, 3 B-Kt 4; III, 3 B-Kt 5 ch; IV, 5 R-Q 1 are the right moves. Attempt at No. 2 is poor. "Fulano de Tal"—Variation I, 2 P-B 6; III (b), 3 Q×B; IV, 3 Q-Kt 5 ch are correct moves. In No. 2 you make White play badly and only give one variation. "Pawn" (J.)—Am afraid you did not spend much time on these problems. In No. 2 White would play 3 P-B 5 and draw easily in your variation. "Santermed"—See remarks to "Pawn". In No. 2, 5 B-B 4 would draw easily. "R. Casier"—In No. 1 your variations are generally good, but you fail in 1..., P-Q 6. If 2-P-B 6, Kt P×P. In variation 2, 5 R-Q 1 wins the Queen. No. 2: except for your solution I should probably have allowed a draw as correct. "Delta"—Your attempt at No. 1 does not do you credit. That of No. 2 is better than several others, and is very nearly correct. After 7 B-Q 4, Kt-B 3; 8 B-B 3, P-Kt 4; 9 B-Kt 2, P-Kt 5; 10 Kt-B 4, P-Kt 6; 11 K×P, Kt×P; 12 B×Kt, K×B; 13 K-B 3! K×P; 14 K-B 4 draw. "Patlander"—In variation IV, not 4 P×R but Q-R 8 ch and mates next move. In No. 2: not 8 K-Q 5 but P-Kt 7 and White wins. "Pawn" (P)—Variation I, 2..., R-Q 4; II, 3 R-Kt 4; III, 3 R-Kt 4; IV, 2 P-B 6. In No. 2, 4 K-Q 4 is correct move. "Tyro"—Yes, I can see that! However, if you study the solutions you will learn something, as I have! "C.H.D."—At move 6, Bishop should go to R 2. 7 K-Q 4 is better. "Eloc"—These were a bit too stiff. Your solution to No. 1 is not worth anything, and you have unfortunately not given any other variation for Black. In No. 2 White would play 5 P-Kt 7 ch, K×P; and 6 P-K 6 winning. Try the Juniors next month. You will find you will improve with practice. "Lily"—Not a good attempt at No. 1. I own it is a difficult position. Your trial of No. 2 is not correct, but shows ideas.

The maximum marks on which I have worked are 30 each problem, and I have dealt pretty severely with errors, as will be seen by the list.

SENIORS: "R. Casier," 21, 26, 47; "Hotchpot," 17, 12, 29; "Sirius," 14, 13, 27; "Pussycat," 15, 6, 21; "Fulano de Tal," 14, 5, 19; "Clare," 6, 13, 19; "Knowsley," 12, 6, 18; "Ostree," 9, 8, 17; "Wifilé," 10, 7, 17; "A.M.," 10, 5, 15; "Cradock," 6, 7, 13; "Cic," 7, 5, 12; "Pawn" (J.), 7, 3, 10; "G.M.A.," 5, 4, 9; "Santermed," 6, 2, 8; "C.H.D.," —, 7, 7.

JUNIORS: "Delta," 2, 12, 14; "Patlander," 6, 5, 11; "Pawn" (P.), 5, 4, 9; "Tyro," 4, 4, 8; "Lily," 3, 4, 7; "Eloc," 2, 4, 6.

The solutions of Junior Problems Nos. 21 and 22, page 82, are as follows: 21. Sent by R. Goulding Brown. He says: "Black threatens Q—K 7, Q—R 3, B—Q 6, but 1 Q—K 3 stops all of them. If 1... Q—R 3; 2 Q×Kt ch, K—R 2; 3 B—K 1. If 1 R—K 3, B—Q 6; 2 R×B, Q—K 7; 3 P—R 3, Q×B ch; 4 K—R 2, Q×R and wins. But if 1 Q—K 3, P—Q 5! 2 Q×Q, B×Q, followed by B—B 5 wins, and if 2 B×P, Q—B 5; 3 Q×Kt ch, K—R 2; 4 R×P ch, K×R; 5 Q—K 7 ch, Q—B 2; 6 Q—K 2, B—K 3 wins, nor does 4 P—R 3 save White. Best therefore seems 1 R—K 3, B—Q 6; 2 B—K 1, because White retains some attack, a line none of my solvers have given. 1 Q—Q R 4 also staves off the threats temporarily; so does 1 B—Q 2, for if Q—K 7; 2 B—B 1. 22. White draws by 1 P—R 5, P×P; 2 P×P, K—Q 2; 3 K—B 5, K—K 2; 4 K—Kt 6, K—K 3; 5 K×R P, K—B 2; 6 K—R 7, P—B 4; 7 P—R 6, P—B 5; 8 K—R 8, P—B 6; 9 P—R 7, P—B 7 stalemate.

Twenty solvers returned solutions. The ladder is as follows: "Robo" climbs to the top with 98, 3, 10, 111, takes the small prize and descends to the bottom again. The remaining scores are "Lady Clara," 19/22, 81, 4, 6, 4, 6, 101; "Lily," 84, 2, 10, 96; "Ghetto," 94, no solutions; "Particles," 73, 5, 3, 81; "Stalemate," 69, 3, 8, 80; "Nigger," 61, 3, 10, 74; "Chess," 60, 3, 8, 71; "Edina," 59, 3, 8, 70; "Ostree," 44, 5, 9, 58; "Knowsley" (1), 35, 5, 10, 50; "Plachutta," 31, 4, 7, 42; "Wifilé," 26, 5, 5, 36; "Pugnandum," 17, 7, 10, 34; "Tyro" (1), 24, 3, 4, 31; "Patlander," 20, 3, 8, 31; "Thule" (1), 16, 3, 10, 29; "Kodak," 20, 3, 4, 27; "Rhapsody," 14, 3, 4, 21; "Delta," 6, 3, 5, 14; "George," 10, 2, 2, 14.

As one or two solvers have not sent solutions to Senior Problem No. 22, page 82, because the Black pieces were numbered 7 instead of 8, I will withhold solutions till next month, to give them a chance to send their solutions.

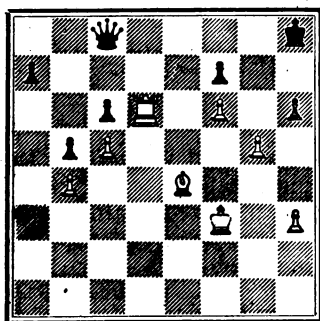
ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "Robo"—Yes, 22 is quite correct! "Particles"—You will see where you were wrong in 22. "Lady Clara"—I hope the score is now correct. "Wifilé"—You do not give sufficient continuation in 22. "Tyro"—If 5 K—Kt 7, K—K 2 not K—B 4. "Thule"—All right, try one more climb! "Rhapsody"—No, not either Pawn; P—Kt 5 loses. "Delta"—See previous answer, and your solution to 1 P—R 5 does not give best moves for Black. "J'adoubé" 4, 7, but am counting you among Seniors. Have another go at 22.

As there is such a lot still to clear up, I shall give no further problems this month, and let solvers concentrate on Competition Problems 3 and 4, page 80, and the next two which are as follows.

The solutions to the former must be in by April 30th; to the latter by May 31st.

COMPETITION PROBLEM No. 5.
White had to make his 42nd move in the following position.

BLACK (7 pieces)

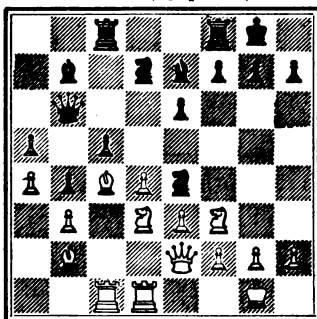


WHITE (8 pieces)

The game was left for adjudication. Solvers will please adjudicate the position and demonstrate their reasons for such judgment.

COMPETITION PROBLEM No. 6.
A game was opened 1 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—Q B 3; 3 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 4 Kt—B 3, P×P; 5 P—K 3, P—Q Kt 4; 6 P—Q R 4, P—Q Kt 5; 7 Kt—R 2, P—K 3; 8 B×P, Q Kt—Q 2; 9 P—Q Kt 3, B—Kt 2; 10 B—Kt 2, B—K 2; 11 Kt—B 1, P—Q R 4; 12 Kt—Q 3, Castles; 13 R—B 1, P—Q B 4; 14 Castles, R—B 1; 15 Q—K 2, Kt—K 5; 16 K R—Q 1, Q—Kt 3, giving the following position.

BLACK (15 pieces)



WHITE (15 pieces)

Comment on the opening play and give what you consider to be the best continuation for White and your reasons for same.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHAMPIONSHIP PORTRAITS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE B.C.M.

DEAR SIR,—In this month's magazine it was very nice to see the portraits, names and scores of the Girl competitors. Could not this be done with all the championships? It would make the magazine so much more interesting, and also appeal to the different players of the counties. For instance, a lot of the championship matches of the different counties are now drawing to their final stages. How interesting to have in your paper the portrait and name of the champion of each county in England. It not only interests the man, his friends and his club, but it interests all in that particular county, and makes the members feel that it is worth while striving for the honour. I should like to throw out the suggestion, and I believe it would increase your circulation tremendously. As you perhaps know, Mr. R. A. Jones, of Southend, gave a splendid cup to be held by the Essex champion year by year. What better than that such a cup should be shown in your paper.

"FOXROCK," 43 PRESTON ROAD,
WESTCLIFFE-ON-SEA, 10th February, 1926.

Yours sincerely,

F. NETTLETON.

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THE UNIVERSITIES CHESS WEEK.

The first match took place on March 13th, at Malet Street, London, when the Combined teams encountered the University of London, with the following result :—

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES.			LONDON UNIVERSITY.		
1	G. S. A. Wheatcroft (O.)	1	V. Buerger	.. .. .	0
2	J. E. West (C.)	½	M. E. Goldstein	.. .. .	½
3	A. M. Ewbank (C.)	0	R. F. Goldstein	.. .. .	1
4	J. H. Morrison (O.)	1	L. Klein	.. .. .	0
5	K. H. Bancroft (O.)	½	J. A. Allcock	.. .. .	½
6	A. R. B. Thomas (C.)	½	R. C. Armstrong	.. .. .	½
7	G. E. Smith (C.)	0	T. S. Dawn	.. .. .	1
8	G. R. Mitchell (O.)	1	N. F. MacLagan	.. .. .	0
9	G. Costigan (O.)	1	M. Davies	.. .. .	0
10	V. Coates (C.)	½	E. J. Scrimgeour	.. .. .	½
11	R. C. Weaver (C.)	½	W. L. Roche	.. .. .	½
12	A. Rutherford (O.)	0	N. Kazi	.. .. .	1
13	M. A. Vernon (C.)	½	A. D. Barlow	.. .. .	½
14	Baron S. Perenyi (O.)	1	V. J. A. Russ	.. .. .	0
15	J. I. King (O.)	0	T. Bispham	.. .. .	1
16	B. S. Edwards (O.)	½	G. G. Slack	.. .. .	½
17	G. C. Ives (C.)	1	E. W. Madge	.. .. .	0
		9½			7½

The University teams had a most successful week from March 15th to 20th, their best performance undoubtedly being their fine victory over the strong City of London team pitted against them.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES.			CITY OF LONDON.		
1	G. S. A. Wheatcroft (O.)	½	R. P. Michell	.. .. .	½
2	J. E. West (C.)	½	J. H. Blake	.. .. .	½
3	J. H. Morrison (O.)	½	W. Gooding	.. .. .	½
4	K. H. Bancroft (O.)	½	H. Jackson	.. .. .	½
5	B. Goulding Brown (C.)	1	R. C. J. Walker	.. .. .	0
6	H. J. Snowden (C.)	0	H. Saunders	.. .. .	1
7	D. M. Morrah (O.)	*	H. S. Barlow	.. .. .	*
8	G. Costigan (O.)	0	F. F. L. Alexander	.. .. .	1
9	A. M. Ewbank (C.)	0	E. Macdonald	.. .. .	1
10	A. W. Excell (C.)	1	H. A. H. Carson	.. .. .	0
11	A. Oppenheim (O.)	1	Capt. A. E. Beamish	.. .. .	0
12	G. Abrahams (O.)	1	B. W. Hamilton	.. .. .	0
13	J. A. Herrick (C.)	1	A. West	.. .. .	0
14	P. Sherman (C.)	1	F. J. Camm	.. .. .	0
15	G. R. Mitchell (O.)	½	E. Scamp	.. .. .	½
16	R. C. Weaver (C.)	0	B. J. Mooney	.. .. .	1
17	B. S. Edwards (O.)	½	T. H. Robertson	.. .. .	½
18	A. Rutherford (O.)	0	W. H. Watts	.. .. .	1
		9			8

* For adjudication.

The fiftieth Inter-University match was played at the City of London Chess Club on Friday, March 19th, Cambridge University securing a splendid victory by 4½ to 2½.

Both sides were above the average this year and in consequence some fine games were played. Unfortunately for Oxford, H. F. Sutherland (Balliol), board No. 6, was summoned home to Scotland

owing to the illness of his sister, and in consequence Costigan played in his place, and J. I. King was brought in on board 7.

The first game to be finished was that on board 3, where the Oxford player, in a more or less even position, overlooked the loss of the exchange. This was followed by a fine win by Sherman on board 6. Costigan had played a Centre Counter and got a cramped game, and Sherman took full advantage of it. This was followed by still another win for Cambridge on board No. 5. The Oxford player had got a good attacking position in a Queen's gambit, but at move 22, instead of bringing another piece up to the attack, made a sacrifice which brought in three Pawns for a piece but opened his opponent's Bishops to the long diagonals. In defending a Mate he laid himself open to a pretty sacrifice, by J. A. Herrick, of his Queen, which brought an immediate win.

Bancroft revenged Stonier by defeating H. J. C. Herrick on board No. 2, by a very able play in an Indian defence to a Queen's Pawn.

The Captains on Board No. 1 shortly afterwards agreed to a draw, the game being very blocked, this was followed by a draw on board No. 4, but the Cambridge player later missed an easy win at move 34, where he played Kt—K 6 instead of Kt—R 5. Even afterwards he probably ought to have won. The game on board No. 7 was not finished after fifty moves and was adjudicated a draw by Mr. R. P. Mitchell. The following is the full score, Oxford having the move on the odd-numbered boards :—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.		OXFORD UNIVERSITY.	
1 A. R. B. Thomas (St. John's)	½	G. S. A. Wheatcroft (New Coll.)	½
2 H. J. C. Herrick (St. John's)	0	K. H. Bancroft (Pembroke) ..	1
3 P. S. Milner-Barry (Trinity)	1	G. Abrahams (Wadham)	0
4 V. Coates (Sidney Sussex) ..	½	G. R. Mitchell (Magdalen) ..	½
5 J. A. Herrick (Pembroke) ..	1	A. W. Stonier (Christ Church)	0
6 P. Sherman (Trinity)	1	G. Costigan (St. John's)	0
7 R. C. Weaver (Corpus Christi)	½	J. I. King (Jesus)	½
	4½		2½

OBITUARY.

The death occurred a short time ago of Dr. George Paddock Bate, for many years medical officer of health for the Borough of Bethnal Green. He was an honorary member of the Imperial Chess Club and a most enthusiastic four-handed chessplayer.

FOR SALE.

London International Congress, 1899, 12/6; London Tournament for Masters and Amateurs, 1900, 2/6; Memorial to William Steinitz, 1901, C. Devide, 5/-; The Chess Player's Compendium, 1st edit., 1902, W. Cook, 7/6; Supplement to Cook's Compendium, 1910, A. Emery, 1/3; Theory of Chess Openings, 2nd edit., 1891, G. H. D. Gossip, 5/-; A Thousand End-Games, Vol. I. 1910, Vol. 2, 1911, C. E. C. Tattersall, 7/6; The Good Companion Two-mover, 1922, G. Hume and A. C. White, 6/6; The Chess Problem Text-book, Andrews, Frankenstein, Laws and Planck, 7/6; 777 Chess Miniatures in Three, E. Wallis, 2/6; Postage extra in all cases.

Apply: R. H. S. STEVENSON, 45 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

We have just received the full score of the match between Worcester and Shropshire in the preliminary rounds, which has been delayed through a hitch in securing adjudication of the unfinished games. To keep the record as complete as possible, we now give the result.

WORCESTERSHIRE.					SHROPSHIRE.				
1	E. E. Westbury	..	..	1	F. Smart	..	..	..	0
2	W. C. Roberts	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Groom	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	A. T. Griffith	..	..	1	P. G. Perry	..	..	..	0
4	A. James	..	..	1	W. H. Smith	..	..	..	0
5	M. A. Prentice	..	..	1	H. C. W. Williams	..	..	..	0
6	C. H. Knight	..	..	0	D. E. McNab	..	..	..	1
7	G. C. Brown	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Cragg	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	E. F. Fardon	..	..	0	H. Boston	..	..	..	1
9	Rev. A. P. Lacy-Hulbert	..	..	0	Rev. W. Benson	..	..	..	1
10	D. W. Wooldridge	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. A. Lusty	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	F. G. Hale	..	..	1	J. O. Jackson	..	..	..	0
12	F. W. Trent	..	..	0	J. Mallinson	..	..	..	1
13	B. C. Ashford	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Baddeley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	Prof. F. Tillyard	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Gough	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	J. E. Dutton	..	..	1	W. E. Jones	..	..	..	0
16	A. L. Homer	..	..	0	A. B. Higgins	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8 $\frac{1}{2}$					7				

Surrey County Chess Association now invite entries for their four regular competitions which take place from April to July of each year: 1, The Challenge Cup (County Championship) Competition; 2, The Slater-Kennington Cup Competition; 3, The Felce Cup Competition; 4, The Wernick Cup Competition.

The entrance fee is 5/-, with a deposit of 15/- for the championship, and 2/6 with a deposit of 7/6 for each of the other events. The deposit will be refunded to each competitor who plays all his games in accordance with the rules. The rules in the 1924/25 year-book apply to all competitions.

The winners will hold the cups for the ensuing year and will receive the Association's silver medal. In addition (if the number of competitors is 20 in each event), prizes will be awarded as under:

	Challenge Cup	Slater-Kennington Cup	Felce Cup	Wernick Cup
First Prize	.. £4 0 0	.. £2 0 0	.. £1 10 0	.. £1 0 0
Second	.. 2 10 0	.. 1 5 0	.. 1 0 0	.. 0 15 0
Third	.. 1 10 0	.. 1 0 0	.. 0 15 0	.. 0 10 0
Fourth	.. 1 0 0	.. 0 15 0	.. 0 10 0	.. 0 5 0
Fifth	.. 0 15 0	.. —	.. —	.. —
Sixth	.. 0 10 0	.. —	.. —	.. —

In each event, the players gaining second place in sections will play off for third and fourth prizes, the first win being decisive. The winners of the fifth and sixth prizes in the Championship competition will be similarly decided.

Entries should be sent to the hon. secretary, F. F. L. Alexander, 8 Longstone Road, S.W.17.

One of the largest friendly matches ever played in the West of England took place on March 6th, at Gloucester, where the home county entertained and vanquished Worcestershire. The visitors lacked the services of their Birmingham contingent, but put up a very plucky fight. Five players from Worcester College for the Blind, including the headmaster, scored 4 points.

GLOUCESTER.					WORCESTERSHIRE.				
1	H. P. Parsbo	..	..	0	W. C. Roberts	..	..	..	1
2	C. Welch	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. T. Griffith	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	C. Mansfield	..	..	0	F. G. Hale	..	..	..	1
4	A. Hutchinson	..	..	0	G. C. Brown	..	..	..	1
5	D. S. Hole	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. C. Ashford	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	C. E. Jackman	..	..	0	J. E. Dutton	..	..	..	1
7	S. W. Viveash	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Trent	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	F. R. Rickman	..	..	1	Rev. L. Bradley	..	..	..	0
9	M. Brown	..	..	1	Rev. F. W. H. Guttridge	..	..	..	0
10	T. C. Johnson	..	..	1	J. Alger	..	..	..	0
11	P. Gale	..	..	0	A. L. Homer	..	..	..	1
12	W. J. Matthews	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. E. Boyt	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	H. W. Arnold	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Brace	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	A. W. Martyn	..	..	1	R. M. Hamilton	..	..	..	0
15	C. Whittles	..	..	0	W. Mayneord	..	..	..	1
16	G. W. Powell	..	..	1	R. McFarlane	..	..	..	0
17	A. C. Steadman	..	..	1	C. W. Stokes	..	..	..	0
18	E. L. May	..	..	1	A. Lynes	..	..	..	0
19	R. O. Platt	..	..	1	F. B. Ball	..	..	..	0
20	H. Foxwell	..	..	1	J. A. Jarvis	..	..	..	0
21	Dr. Merrick	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Duncan Clarke	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
22	C. Cherry	..	..	1	F. C. Yates	..	..	..	0
23	G. F. Perrins	..	..	1	R. Carless	..	..	..	0
24	R. E. G. Smith	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. C. Summers	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
25	A. J. Nutt	..	..	0	Rev. J. C. Robertson	..	..	..	1
26	Capt. Gorton	..	..	0	Rev. R. J. Whitaker	..	..	..	1
27	E. O. Cherry	..	..	1	J. C. Moulder	..	..	..	0
28	M. Davis	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. D. Adams	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
29	A. E. Chamberlain	..	..	0	Duncombe Gibbs	..	..	..	1
30	H. Whitchell	..	..	1	P. J. Hawkes	..	..	..	0
31	H. R. Charter	..	..	1	J. Huskinson	..	..	..	0
32	F. S. Whittingham	..	..	1	Rev. G. Clarke	..	..	..	0
33	H. S. Colborn	..	..	1	K. N. Ross	..	..	..	0
34	Miss Eyre	..	..	0	E. E. Davies	..	..	..	1
35	T. W. Starr	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Cross	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
36	Col. Stuart	..	..	0	R. Ash	..	..	..	1
37	T. H. Blanche	..	..	1	Rev. R. Torrens	..	..	..	0
38	F. G. Olds	..	..	1	H. Chambers	..	..	..	0
39	Rev. H. Pritchard	..	..	0	W. Barlow	..	..	..	1
40	G. P. Hudson	..	..	1	J. H. Smith	..	..	..	0

23 $\frac{1}{2}$ 16 $\frac{1}{2}$

Final Matches for the Ebony and Amboyna Shields.—Another large gathering of chess players took place in London on March 20th. The matches were played at the Regent Street Branch of Boots, the Chemists, where the comfortable and artistic rooms gave great satisfaction.

Middlesex played Surrey 120 a-side and by obtaining a majority on the first 100 boards secured the Ebony Shield for the year.

Surrey, however, were in better form on the first 50, and beat their redoubtable opponents, thus creating a triple tie between Surrey, Middlesex and Sussex for the Amboyna Shield.

While the match was in progress Kent played Essex on the balcony at 50 a-side and won by 29 to 21.

Lancashire Chess Association.—In the county championship (Manchester Section) there are twelve entries: B. Cohen (holder), C. Boyce, Arthur Eva, E. C. Harvey, H. M. Holgate, R. W. Houghton, D. Joseph, T. Kelly, A. Laserson, A. Milner, W. Turner, and J. E. West. The draw for the first round is as follows: Boyce, Turner; Holgate, Joseph; Harvey, Eva; Laserson, Cohen; Milner, Kelly; West, Houghton.

On March 5th, a match of 53 a-side was arranged between a team composed of members of the clubs in the London Commercial Chess League *versus* Kent County players. The latter eventually won by 32½ to 20½, but it was a very well contested match.

The directors of the Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Company most kindly lent two of their artistic and spacious rooms, while Mr. J. A. Miles, Vice-President of the League, welcomed the visitors and said he hoped the fixture might become an annual one. The whole of the arrangements were completed by the hon. secretary of the League, Mr. R. W. Bayliss, whose great organising ability was displayed at its best.

LONDON COMMERCIAL CHESS LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.				
Motor Union	9	7	2	—	7				
Lloyds	8	5	1	2	6				
St. Helen's Court	8	4	2	2	5				
R.M.S.P.	8	4	3	1	4½				
Mex	8	4	4	—	4				
Shell Mex	9	3	4	2	4				
Bowings	9	3	5	1	3½				
Nestanglo	9	3	5	1	3½				
Morton's	9	3	6	—	3				
Cornhill	9	2	6	1	2½				

SECOND DIVISION.									
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.				
Shell Mex II	5	5	—	—	5*				
Sedgwick Collins I	5	3	1	1	3½				
Cornhill II	5	2	3	—	2				
Lloyds II	5	1	3	1	1½				
Morton's II	5	1	3	1	1½				
Nestanglo II	5	1	3	1	1½				

* Winner.

The Imperial Chess Club has been very active during the month of March.

On the 2nd a defeat was suffered at the hands of Lloyds Bank, at their headquarters in Gracechurch Street by 9½—5½.

On the 13th, however, the National Liberal Club were beaten by the odd point— $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$, while on the 16th, East London College went down by $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$.

On the 20th the Club avenged their former defeat by the Referee Club by a victory of $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ at 62 Brook Street.

The Portland Sports Club, Chess Section, entertained a scratch team from the P. and O. Company at their offices, Portland House, Tothill Street, Westminster, on March 1st, and though somewhat severely defeated by the more experienced players opposing them, put up a sturdy fight in most of the games. This is the Portland Chess Club's first season, but it hopes to affiliate to the Middlesex County Association, and to grow in strength so as to take part in competitive chess before long. The atmosphere of Westminster, where so many big chess contests take place, should be favourable to its aspirations. Full score as follows:—

P. AND O. TEAM.					PORTLAND CHESS CLUB.					
1	T. H. Acton	..	..	..	1	L. Smith	..	..	..	1
2	Capt. T. C. E. Dayas	..	..	..	1	W. Miller	..	..	..	0
3	Dr. A. H. D. Salt	..	..	..	1	E. Kirkman	..	..	..	1
4	H. S. Ward	..	..	..	1	H. H. D. Anderson	..	..	..	1
5	E. R. Powell	..	..	..	1	W. G. Rea	..	..	..	0
6	W. Evans	..	..	..	1	W. Galbraith	..	..	..	0
7	R. H. Green	..	..	..	1	A. Collins	..	..	..	0
8	B. D. Jones	..	..	..	1	S. Halford	..	..	..	0

Glasgow Chess League.—This competition has been won by Glasgow Central Chess Club, who only lost one match through the season. Their final match with the Bohemians was won far more easily than was anticipated and we append the score :—

CENTRAL.					BOHEMIAN.				
1	D. M. MacIsaac	..	..	1	J. Borthwick	..	..	..	0
2	C. Wardhaugh	..	..	1	A. Felber	..	..	..	0
3	A. Smith	..	..	0	F. G. Harris	..	..	..	1
4	H. R. S. Brown	..	..	1	M. Davis	..	..	..	0
5	H. W. Tennant	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Harris	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	J. Russell	..	..	1	J. Andrews	..	..	..	0
7	W. B. Hird	..	..	1	A. Calderhead	..	..	..	0
5 $\frac{1}{2}$					1 $\frac{1}{2}$				

The presence in the losing team of A. Felber, who for the past two years has won the Kriegspiel Championship of the London Gambit Chess Rooms, was interesting.

League players of all districts, READ THIS—

"The Central reserves did remarkably well. Indeed, the club throughout the season has been well served by them. Turning up whenever asked to, sometimes only to find they were not included in the team, they have on more than one occasion converted a threatened defeat into a victory. Indeed, it is largely the possession of members who were willing to play when asked and who did not grumble when left out that has enabled the Central Club to achieve the feat of heading the First Division of the Glasgow League for three successive years."

In this short sentence (from Mr. Wardhaugh's column of March 20th in the *Glasgow Herald*) the whole secret of success is displayed.

The Club with members willing to play for the team rather than for themselves will always be near the top; and will always be attractive and flourishing, win or lose.

C. F. Chapman has won the Brighton chess championship with a record score of 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ out of 11. Unbeaten throughout the competition, he scored 8 wins and 3 draws.

The Stafford Chess League for 1925-6 is now finished and the competition has been very well supported. All the teams met with some measure of success and only half a point separated the leaders. A very sporting spirit has characterised the matches. Final positions :

	Pld.	Pts.		Pld.	Pts.
Siemen's "A"	10	32	Siemen's "B"	10	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Stafford "B"	10	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oddfellows	10	20
Stafford "A"	10	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	Y.M.C.A.	10	17 $\frac{1}{2}$

Newcastle's Great Chess Match.—A match between Newcastle Chess Club and Tees-side Chess Association took place at the headquarters of the Newcastle Club. Both teams were strongly represented, and played in a grim and determined manner. Newcastle won the toss and took White on the odd boards.

After two hours' play an interval was called for tea, the match standing slightly in favour of the home team on the four finished games. The president, W. D. Hawdon, welcomed the visitors, and expressed the possibility of an annual match between junior teams. On resuming, great care was taken to exploit any weak position, the greatest ingenuity being shown to win or save a game. Finishing shortly after 7 o'clock, with one game to be adjudicated, it was seen that Newcastle had won the match with 9 games to 7. Final scores :—

NEWCASTLE.

1	G. H. Beaty	..	..	..	..	1
2	G. S. Sell	..	..	..	..	1
3	T. P. Jones	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	R. S. Friends	..	..	..	..	0
5	E. W. Carmichael	..	..	..	..	1
6	J. Angle	..	..	..	..	*
7	W. D. Hawdon	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	H. Bardsley	..	..	..	..	1
9	A. W. W. Tulip	..	..	..	..	1
10	Canon G. E. Newsom	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	G. P. Davies	..	..	..	..	1
12	G. W. Audas	..	..	..	..	0
13	Dr. Taylor	..	..	..	..	0
14	Dr. Horseman	..	..	..	..	0
15	H. Dowsett	..	..	..	..	1
16	G. Bagnall	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
17	E. S. Jameson	..	..	..	..	0

TEES-SIDE.

W. Rogers	..	..	..	..	..	0
J. E. Young	..	..	..	..	..	0
H. Breakwell	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. Stead	..	..	..	..	..	1
G. A. Peck	..	..	..	..	..	0
G. W. Saunders	..	..	..	..	..	*
F. S. Legge	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. W. Brazell	..	..	..	..	..	0
D. B. Wyatt	..	..	..	..	..	0
W. Lloyd	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. S. Tatham	..	..	..	..	..	0
W. Thatcher	..	..	..	..	..	1
F. Bradley	..	..	..	..	..	1
L. P. Wright	..	..	..	..	..	1
P. W. Carling	..	..	..	..	..	0
E. Mitchell	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
Dr. Aynsley	..	..	..	..	..	1

9

* To be adjudicated.

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I. M. Brown Shield Competition.—The match in the fourth round of the I. M. Brown Shield Competition, between Leeds II and Bradford II, which had been postponed from January 16th, was played at Leeds on February 28th. Bradford II were Sheffield II's only rivals for the trophy, and they were so far behind that it was necessary for them to win this match, and also their next, in order to have even a chance of tying for the honour. As it was they lost, and were put out of the running, with the result that Sheffield gains first place in the competition, with a match in hand.

FINAL TABLE OF THE COMPETITION.

	P.	Matches.			P.	W.	Games.			Pts.
		W.	L.	D.			L.	D.		
Sheffield II	..	6	5	0	1	48	27	9	12	11
Bradford II	..	6	3	2	1	48	21	15	11	7
Leeds II	..	6	2	4	0	48	11	24	12	4
Huddersfield II	..	6	1	5	0	48	12	23	13	2

One unfinished game, between Leeds II. and Bradford II., is not included in the above table, but this does not affect the positions of the teams.

The Sheffield second team are to be congratulated on their victory, which is the second in succession. They have had a remarkable record in the I. M. Brown Shield Competition, having won it four times in six seasons. Their previous successes were in 1921, 1923 and 1925.

Edwin Woodhouse Cup.—It looks as if Bradford will have to fight exceedingly hard to retain held on the cup. In the penultimate round, Sheffield, their nearest rivals, were successful against the Leeds contingent, while Bradford found Huddersfield a most difficult obstacle to overcome.

In the final round on March 27th these two leading teams met, and the result will be given in our next issue, but writing beforehand it will be necessary for Bradford to win this important match and the task does not appear to be an easy one!

Score of matches played on February 20th :—

SHEFFIELD.					LEEDS.				
1	C. R. Gurnhill	..	..	I	F. Schofield	..	..	..	0
2	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	0	A. Schofield	..	..	..	I
3	E. Dale	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	H. H. Clarke	..	..	I	G. Pollard	..	..	..	0
5	H. D. Rockett	..	..	I	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	0
6	J. Orange	..	..	*	S. Leader	..	..	..	*
7	C. North	..	..	I	F. A. Amies	..	..	..	0
8	F. Ogden	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Darby	..	..	..	*
9	J. S. Hamer	..	..	*	M. Andrew	..	..	..	*
10	A. Y. Green	..	..	*	C. G. Addingley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5					2				
BRADFORD.					HUDDERSFIELD.				
1	T. A. Staynes	..	..	0	H. E. Atkins	..	..	..	I
2	J. Foulds	..	..	0	C. G. Wenyon	..	..	..	I
3	F. Betts	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	H. L. Brooke	..	..	I	H. A. Cadman	..	..	..	0
5	J. W. Morton	..	..	I	H. Greenwood	..	..	..	0
6	T. Hillary	..	..	I	A. Goodwin	..	..	..	0
7	W. Staynes	..	..	*	W. Foster	..	..	..	*
8	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	*	H. Mellor	..	..	..	*
9	J. R. Deacon	..	..	0	C. H. Hinchliffe	..	..	..	I
10	C. B. Cribb	..	..	*	C. Winterbottom	..	..	..	*
3 $\frac{1}{2}$					3 $\frac{1}{2}$				
* To be adjudicated.									

Victor Rush, who was so well-known as an Essex County player before he went to the West Indies over three years ago, recently played simultaneously to all comers at the Y.M.C.A., Kingston, Jamaica, winning 14 and losing 1 only.

Mr. J. B. C. Kershaw has kindly sent us the results of the three matches in the North Wales Chess Association Tournament.

First round. Rydal School v. Llandudno. Played February 4th, at Llandudno.

LLANDUDNO.				RYDAL SCHOOL.			
1	T. H. Billington (Capt.)	..	*½	H. A. Smyth (Capt.)	..	..	*½
2	J. Gresley Jones	..	*1	D. E. Cook	..	..	*0
3	H. Higginbottom, junr.	..	0	R. L. Mitchell	..	..	1
4	A. C. Newbitt	..	1	K. C. Kirkup	..	..	0
5	H. Higginbottom	..	0	T. V. Tattersall	..	..	1
6	H. Oliver	..	1	V. R. Dodman	..	..	0
3½				2½			

* Adjudicated.

Second round. Wrexham v. Rhos. Played February 17th, at the Church House, Wrexham.

RHOS.				WREXHAM.			
1	T. E. Jones	..	1	H. E. Copleston	..	..	0
2	S. Pritchard	..	1	C. G. Caldecott	..	..	0
3	T. Bennett	..	1	E. Cross	..	..	0
4	J. A. Williams	..	1	E. L. Rogers	..	..	0
5	T. Read	..	1	H. P. Harris	..	..	0
6	E. T. Williams	..	1	R. W. Egerton	..	..	0
7	F. N. Mills	..	0	H. Nelson	..	..	1
6				1			

Colwyn Bay v. Llandudno. Played at Llandudno, March 2nd.

COLWYN BAY.				LLANDUDNO.			
1	E. D. Rowland	..	*½	J. Gresley Jones	..	..	*½
2	Dr. Eames	..	0	H. Higginbottom, junr.	..	..	1
3	L. Dann	..	0	A. C. Newbitt	..	..	1
4	T. C. Beakbane	..	1	H. Higginbottom	..	..	0
5	H. W. Shardlow	..	1	H. Oliver	..	..	0
6	O. Wihl	..	1	F. E. Selby	..	..	0
3½				2½			

* Adjudicated.

The boys of Hastings Grammar School have recently figured in two semi-final matches and have managed to pull them both off.

In the Butler Cup Competition (boys under 16 from any school in Sussex) they won by 3—2, as follows, their opponents being St. Leonards Collegiate School. This was on February 26th.

HASTINGS GRAMMAR SCHOOL				ST. LEONARDS COLLEGIATE SCHOOL			
1	S. W. Thorpe	..	0	D. A. C. Gibbs	..	..	1
2	D. W. Riley	..	1	J. Dengate	..	..	0
3	A. C. Martin	..	0	H. B. Ashby	..	..	1
4	L. Crouch	..	*1	J. L. Gorwyn	..	..	*0
5	W. H. Hodson	..	1	John Dengate	..	..	0
3				2			

* Adjudicated.

On March 3rd, the same teams met again, this time the Wilson Cup being the objective. In this competition the age limit goes up to 18 and the Grammar School boys registered a still more convincing win.

HASTINGS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.							ST. LEONARDS COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.						
1	L. Crouch	..	..	..	..	†	D. A. C. Gibbs	..	..	..	..	†	
2	L. G. Norman	..	..	..	..	†	J. Dengate	..	..	..	..	o	
3	S. W. Thorpe	..	..	..	..	†	E. H. Hallett	..	..	..	..	o	
4	D. W. Riley	..	..	..	..	†	H. B. Ashby	..	..	..	..	o	
5	F. L. Jukes	..	..	..	..	†	C. S. M. George	..	..	..	..	o	
6	L. Crouch	..	..	..	..	o	J. L. Gorwyn	..	..	..	..	†	
						4†							
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We hope these boys will continue their interest in chess and reappear some day as representatives respectively of the counties of their birth.

A FRAGMENT.

I wish I could write. About Chess ; and entertainingly, of course. Like A. A. Milne and G. Boccaccio. Don't misunderstand me. I mean to say, Milne wrote a bit about chess ; not particularly entertainingly. Whereas Boccaccio wrote quite entertainingly, but not of chess at all. Not to my knowledge. If he did, my attention must have been absorbed by the other parts.

You see, I want to tell you all about those weird old boys who sit interminably over their footlin' gambits, every move flashily unsound, and rejoicin' greatly at the beauties (ye gods !) of variations " wheeled off " ages ago along with all the other doin's of their bright young days.

Then I would pillory and lampoon (yes, that's the word—lampoon), those conceited young puppies who, having read all the most modern publications supposedly bearing upon the theory of our glorious game, approach our tables jauntily, and with the most insufferably patronising air imaginable, have the impertinent presumption to criticise our handling of the admirable plans of development so beautifully illustrated in the grand old openings, totally unaware that they are only emitting emanations from their semi-digestion of the erudition derivable from the pernickety researches of others.

Sonorous sesquipedalianism ? Sound if not sense ? That, sir, is art ! To use words, long or short, as they should be used, and with an eye to their looks when read, and sound when heard, is much more of a strain than one might at first think. But it is, in fact, not at all hard just to clothe one's thoughts in small words, each of one sound ; words that a child like you might read and grasp when on the run, so to speak. Very well, then. Let me see, where was I ? Oh, yes.

It takes all sorts to make a world, they say ; and apparently one sample at least of every sort may be found in the chess world. You know. Brilliant, dull ; careful, reckless ; studious, dashing ; learned, ignorant ; tedious, amusing. All sorts, in fact.

I'd love to paint them all in word pictures. I do wish I could write.

A.E.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

World's Championship.—This interesting topic continues to engage the attention of various writers. In *L'Echiquier* (Brussels) for February, Mr. Znosko-Borowski, in an article quite courteous in tone, yet criticises the champion for not setting a better example: (1) in the matter of mechanical draws when the chess world is expecting a spirited contest; (2) for apparent lack of seriousness in tournaments. Thus it appears that the defeat at Moscow by Verlinsky was preceded by a trip to Leningrad, to give a simultaneous display, involving two nights in a railway train.

In *Schachmaty Listok* (Leningrad), A. A. Smirnov thinks that the matter of the championship should be brought to a head. He suggests a match in 1926 between Alekhine and Bogoljuboff, and in 1927 between Capablanca and Lasker, with a final encounter between the winners. His views are quite temperately expressed, and his article readable—to students of Russian.

Canada.—The new officials of the Canadian Chess Federation are: president, S. B. Wilson; vice-president, G. F. Griffin; treasurer, L. J. Blanchard; secretary, Antoine Lamothe.

The championship tournament will take place in Montreal from the 19th to 24th April, and a strong entry appears probable. *Le Pion* our Canadian contemporary, reports that "The Toronto Chess Association is anxious to break young people into the game, and instruction will be given to those making application."

Toronto players visited Hamilton and drew a match 5—5.

The National Chess Club on its own ground received severe treatment at the hands of the Montreal Chess Club, who won $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.

The Fédération Française hopes to commemorate worthily the bi-centenary of Philidor, 7th Sept., 1726, to 7th Sept., 1926.

South Africa.—We learn that a gathering of club representatives was arranged for March 2nd with a view to form a Transvaal Chess Association—a step likely to pave the way ultimately for a national federation on sound lines.

Durban Railway and Harbour Institute Chess Club had quite a successful year in 1925. The standard of play was raised by a inter-departmental league, by matches with a compulsory opening, and by consultation games, which latter were most favoured. The Handicap tournament, Section A (stronger players) was won by G. Laurie, and Section B resulted in a tie between H. Elks and A. E. Callum.

In matches the club actually managed to score a victory against the Durban Chess Club, but was overweighted in its other three encounters.

India.—P. W. Sergeant writes from Baroda: "After considerable search I have discovered a strong player of Indian chess, in the person

of Mir Intizimalikhan, one of the old Mohammedan nobility in the State. I found some difficulty in remembering the differences between Indian and European chess—the promotion of Pawns only to the quality of the pieces of their original file and the fact of the “bare” King drawing proving especial snags—but managed at each of two *séances* to get just a majority of the games played. My opponent was good in the middle game. In spite of the single initial move of the Pawn, I did not find the openings particularly hard, thanks to the recent popularity of the fianchetto at home!”

West Australia.—The 1925 championship was secured by A. E. Morris, winner in 1921, after a fierce encounter. The results were as under: 1st, A. E. Morris (state champion, 1921), 10½ points; 2nd, A. E. Coleman (1920), 10; 3rd, J. Sayers (1912, 1915, 1916, 1918, 1922, 1923 and 1924), 9½; 4th, E. Cleary, 8; 5th, H. Crossley, 6; 6th, W. Dethridge, 5; 7th, R. Fordham, 4; 8th, R. C. Ryan, 3.

Czecho-Slovakia.—*L'Echiquier* publishes a nice portrait of F. J. Prokop, the Bohemian composer, with a record of his achievements, contributed by Fr. Dedrle, of Brno. Born on the 18th July, 1901, he pursued his studies at the Technical School and the King Charles University at Prague, and became a journalist. He contributed 150 chess studies to the journal 28 *Rijen*, and has gained the following distinctions: *Basler Nachrichten*, 1924, 3rd prize; *Ceske Slovo* 1924, 5th; *Schachmaty Listok*, 1925, 3rd, 4th and 5th; *Magyar Sakkvilag*, 1925, 4th, etc. He has done some particularly good work with “Echoes.”

France.—The fifth number of *L'Echiquier Français* contains an article upon Napoleon as a chess player, with the three well-known games supposed to have been played by him. Anderssen's “immortal” game is given, with contemporary notes and also modern notes by Reti, etc. The series of Curiosities is continued—on this occasion devoted to smothered mates. Notes on “fairy chess” and on the two-move game called “Marseillais” would repay the attention of the active-minded, inclined to excursions outside the usual routine.

A chess club has been formed in Paris for Britishers only, we are informed by Mr. Champion. The first meeting was held on the 12th March, and it was decided to meet every Thursday evening at the Cafe Trianon (1st floor), 13 bis Rue des Mathurins, close to the Opéra. English visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Germany.—Dr. K. Ziebert contributes quite a lengthy article to the *Deutsche Schachzeitung*, explaining the psychological reasons why, in his opinion, ladies do not take kindly to chess as a rule—even through exceptions prove the rule. It is quite interesting, although possibly the impulsive French lady who avenged repeated defeats by hitting the doctor over the head with the chessboard, exercised considerable subconscious influence on his views.

The championship of Greater Hamburg has been won by H. von Rodatz.

A new chess club has been formed in Wittenberg.

The Berlin Chess Club, "Caissa," which was founded last April, held a successful general meeting. It meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Wiener Garten, Wiener St. 10.

With deep regret we learn that the fine old master, Johann Metger, passed away on the 25th January last at Kiel, aged 74. He was an excellent player and an amiable personality. It is only a few months since he sent over personal greetings through our Master, Yates.

On the occasion of the jubilee of the Dresden Chess Union, a series of chess fixtures will take place at Easter, including the International Match between Germany and Austria, and an International Tournament for ten masters, including Alekhine, Vidmar, Nimzovitch, Rubinstein, Blümich, L. Steiner, and von Holzhausen.

Réti has contributed an article on "Chess and Politics" to the *Cologne Volkszeitung*, apparently suggested by the fact that Bogoljubov was forbidden by the Russian authorities to take part in the Semmering tournament. He observes that no good has ever resulted from any mixing of politics with chess.

Hungary.—Buda Pest has been holding a tournament specially to re-test the variation of the Queen's Pawn Game, with which its name is associated. The defence in question (1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 4) was, as is known, rather shaken by Alekhine, who, after taking the gambit Pawn, did not try to hold it, but continued 4 P—K 4 with success. Thus there results: 3 P×P, Kt—Kt 5; 4 P—K 4, Kt×K P; 5 P—B 4, Kt (K 4)—Q B 3. According to an article by A. Steiner in the *Wiener Schachzeitung* (No. 4, February), the essence of this position is that White's position is favourable for the middle game, and Black's for the end game. As to the tournament (double round), in which the best Buda Pest masters took part, the astonishing outcome was that the White side won 8 games, the Black 15, while 13 games were drawn, as follows: A. Steiner, 10 points; Bakonyi, 8; Havasi and Merenyi, 6 each; Vajda, 5½; Sterk, 4½; Réthy, 2. (The last-named only played in the first half on account of the Trebitsch tournament).

Against Alekhine's move 6 B—K 3, Steiner plays 6... B—Kt 5+; 7 Kt—B 3; B×Kt+; 8 P×B, Q—R 5+ to weaken the White King's position and to prevent the Knight going to K Kt 3 if 9 P—K Kt 3 which seems best, whereupon 9... Q—K 2; 10 B—Kt 2 or Q 3, P—Q 3; 11 Q—B 3, Kt—Q 2. Against other White moves (11), Black Castles, with varied threats. To Grünfeld's 6 P—Q R 3, P—Q 3! or B—K 2, not B—B 4; 7 Kt—K B 3, B—Kt 5; 8 B—K 2 with a solid development. It is concluded that the Buda Pest Defence is at least not inferior to others.

The *Wiener Schachzeitung* quotes from *Chemnitzer Wochenschach* an interview by a Dr. Schlüter with Bogoljubov, who is reported to have said apropos of his game with Capablanca, that the latter did not understand how to conduct an attack. Again, anent the champion's

alleged neglect of chess literature, that he had read so many German chess books that he had learned German from them. Further that he, Bogoljubov, had issued no official challenge for the world's championship.

The Trebitsch tournament resulted as follows: Spielmann, 8½ points, I; Grünfeld, 8, II; Lokvenc, 7, III; Becker, König, Wolf, 6½, equal IV, V and VI; v. Rethy, 5½; Hönlinger, 4½; Müller, 4½; Strobl, 4; Gruber, 4; Wahle, 1.

Iceland.—A cordial welcome is extended to the *Iceland Chess News* (*Íslenskt Skákblað*), the first three quarterly numbers of which have been received. It is published at Akureyri, by the Iceland Chess Union, and the editor is Mr. Thorlacius. Articles are devoted to the world's champion, to Lasker and to Steinitz successively. It is known that chess has been a favourite pastime for many centuries in Iceland, which is not surprising in a country just touching on the Arctic circle, where in winter there are barely a couple of hours of daylight. Until recently an ancient form of the game was played, but the examples given in these magazines show that our northern cousins are quite up to date, and evidently redoubtable protagonists. We have always liked to think that those English monks who left Lincoln somewhere about 1100 took with them to Iceland not only the Gospels and the new alphabet, but also the chess which was cultivated independently for so long a period.

As islanders ourselves, our associations with the descendents of the Vikings are almost as close and as long as those of the Scandinavians—*vide* the Orkney Saga and the Saga of Egil Skallagrimsson, among others. Friendly matches over the board can scarcely be arranged yet between them and our clubs, but the progress of wireless may soon open up possibilities of continuing our joint Viking traditions in an arena more suited to modern civilization.

Since 1919 there have been annual matches between Akureyri and Reykjavik, which have done much to stimulate progress. The results were as under: Akureyri v. Reykjavik: 1920 2½—2½; 1921, 3—4; 1922, 4—4; 1923, 2½—5½; 1924, 7—4; 1925, 7½—3½. As these places are 150 miles apart as the crow flies, and their populations only a few thousands, it is a remarkable feat to manage to assemble teams of 11 a-side.

In a match which took place on the 2—3 January, between Northerners and Southerners, the latter were victorious by 12 to 5.

Java.—The encomiums on the Batak chess players made by the Master, Kostich, are not altogether endorsed by Mr. H. Meyer, chess editor of *Het Nieuws van den Dag* for the Dutch East Indies.

He informs us that these players have not met the strongest Java representatives. Still he states that the development of chess among the Bataks is astounding enough, since only a quarter of a century ago they were practically still wild. Their rules deviate slightly from the European game, and the end-game, for example,

is more complicated, owing to their intricate system of queening pawns. Details are given in a book on Batak chess by von Oefelen, and in the jubilee book of the Dutch East Indies Chess Federation, 1925. Mr. Meyer hopes the D.E.I. may invite the Batak champions to compete in their championship tournament this Easter or next.

His chess column gives games played by Kostich against three of the best of them. The following is the closest contest among them :—

GAME No. 5,641.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
SI NARSAR		B. KOSTICH		SI NARSAR		B. KOSTICH	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—K B 4	22	Q—Q 3	22	Kt—Q 2
2	P—K 3	2	P—K 3	23	R×R	23	R×R
3	Kt—K B 3	3	Kt—K B 3	24	B—R 3	24	P—K 4
4	B—K 2	4	P—Q Kt 3	25	P—Q 5	25	R×R ch
5	P—Q Kt 3	5	B—Kt 2	26	K×R	26	Kt—B 3
6	Castles	6	P—Kt 3	27	P—K 4	27	P—Kt 5
7	B—Kt 2	7	B—Kt 2	28	K—Kt 1	28	P—R 4
8	Q Kt—Q 2	8	Castles	29	Kt—B 1	29	B—R 3
9	P—Q B 4	9	P—Q 3	30	Kt—Kt 3	30	Q—Kt 2
10	P—Q Kt 4	10	Q Kt—Q 2	31	Kt—B 5	31	Q—Kt 4
11	P—Q R 4	11	P—Q R 4	32	P—Kt 3	32	Q—Q 7
12	P—Kt 5	12	Kt—K 5	33	Kt×B ch	33	Q×Kt
13	Q—Kt 3	13	Q—K 2	34	K—Kt 2	34	Q—Kt 3
14	Q R—B 1	14	P—K R 3	35	P—B 5	35	Q×K P ch
15	Kt×Kt	15	P×Kt	36	Q×Q	36	Kt×Q
16	Kt—Q 2	16	R—B 2	37	P×Kt P	37	P×P
17	Q—B 2	17	Kt—B 3	38	K—B 1	38	K—B 2
18	P—B 3	18	P×P	39	K—K 2	39	K—K 2
19	B×P	19	B×B	40	K—Q 3	40	Kt—B 4 ch
20	R×B	20	P—Kt 4	41	K—B 4	41	Kt×P
21	Q R—K B 1	21	Q R—K B 1	Black won in twenty more moves			

Poland.—The championship of Cracow was won by T. Konczynski after a tie with Galuszka in the tournament ($7\frac{1}{2}$ out of 9 each). One of the tournament games (from *Kurjer Szachowy*) follows :—

GAME No. 5,642.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
WORTSMANN		KONCZYNSKI		WORTSMANN		KONCZYNSKI	
1	P—Q B 4	1	P—K 4	14	K—R 1	14	Kt—Kt 3
2	P—K 4	2	Kt—Q B 3	15	P—Kt 3	15	P—B 3
3	P—Q 3	3	B—B 4	16	Kt—B 3	16	Q—B 3
4	Kt—K B 3	4	P—Q 3	17	B—Kt 2	17	Q—Kt 4
5	B—K 2	5	K Kt—K 2	18	P—Q R 4	18	Q—R 3
6	Castles	6	Castles	19	Q—Kt 4	19	R—B 3
7	B—K 3	7	B—Kt 3	20	B—B 3	20	Kt×B
8	Kt—B 3	8	P—B 4	21	Q×Kt	21	P×Kt P
9	Kt—Q 5	9	P—B 5	22	Q×P	22	Kt—B 5
10	B×B	10	R P×B	23	R—K Kt 1	23	Q R—K B 1
11	P—Q R 3	11	B—Kt 5	24	Q R—K 1	24	Kt—R 6
12	P—Q Kt 4	12	B×Kt	25	R—Kt 2	25	Kt×P ch
13	B×B	13	Kt—Q 5	26	R×Kt	26	R×R and wins.

In Warsaw, Blass and Frydman tied in the qualifying tournament with $9\frac{1}{2}$ points each out of 13. St. Kohn played 27 simultaneously,

of which he won 17 and drew 9. The second tournament in Prague was won by Dr. F. Schubert with $8\frac{1}{2}$ points ; K. Hromadka and Dr. K. Skaliczka tying for 2nd and 3rd with 8 ; M. Chodera 4th, and Dr. Z. Vecsey 5th.

A lively encounter, played at Bialystok. White won the Master Tournament with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points, and Black was second with 5 points.

GAME No. 5,643.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
REGEDZINSKI		CUKIERMAN		REGEDZINSKI		CUKIERMAN	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	15	B—R 3	15	P—R 5
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—Q B 3	16	B—Q 6	16	B×B
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	Kt—K B 3	17	Kt—K Kt 5	17	R P×P
4	Kt—B 3	4	B—B 4	18	Kt×Q	18	P×P ch
5	P—K 3	5	P—K 3	19	R×P	19	B×R ch
6	B—K 2	6	Q Kt—Q 2	20	K×B	20	R×Kt ch
7	Castles	7	B—Q 3	21	K—Kt 2	21	Kt—B 3
8	P—Q Kt 3	8	Kt—K 5	22	Q—Q B 1	22	Kt—K 5
9	Kt×Kt ?	9	P×Kt	23	B—Q 3	23	R—Kt 6 ch
10	Kt—K 1	10	Q—R 5	24	K—B 1	24	B—R 6 ch
11	P—K Kt 3	11	Q—R 6	25	K—K 2	25	R—Kt 7 ch
12	P—B 3	12	P—K R 4	26	K—B 3	26	Kt—Kt 4 ch
13	R—B 2	13	K P×P	27	K—B 4	27	R—Kt 5 ch
14	Kt×P	14	B—K 2	28	K—K 5	28	K—Q 2

And White resigns.

United States.—Dr. Lasker returned after a two years' absence and in an interview said that Bogoljubov fully merited his success at Moscow, and would make it very interesting for Capablanca in a championship match. He himself would be willing to have a return match with Capablanca at any time, or equally to stand aside for any of the younger masters. Best of all in his opinion would be another quadrangular tournament like that at St. Petersburg, 1895-6, between himself, Capablanca, Bogoljubov and Alekhine.

The January number of the *American Chess Bulletin* reproduces a group photo of Sir George Thomas with various chess notabilities at Montreal, including the president of the Canadian Chess Federation, S. B. Wilson.

The Metropolitan Chess League of New York consists of twelve clubs, of which ten take part in the annual championship competition, namely, Manhattan, Staten Island, Marshall, Brooklyn, Stuyvesant (champion), I. L. Rice Progressive, Philidor, Hungarian, Second Avenue, Columbia University, N.Y. University, and City College. The Brooklyn and Rice Progressive did not enter teams. In addition to the club prizes there are two individual brilliancy prizes and one for the best played game. A new feature is a problem composing tournament for two and three movers, managed by Maxwell Bukofzer, open to composers within a radius of 25 miles from N.Y. City Hall.

H. Ransom Bigelow, who made many friends on this side during his stay at Oxford University, has assumed various chess activities. He is a member of the Marshall Chess Club ; Secretary of the Metropolitan Chess League of New York, and is now conducting a weekly chess section in the New York *Evening Post* (on Wednesdays).

Game No. 5,620.—A. T. Watson, of Brighton, kindly informs us that this game appeared in *Chess Sparks*, by J. H. Ellis, published in 1895, as quoted from the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*.

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All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time, and games can be arranged at once in the Handicap Tourney, and also the Knock-out Tourney, which commences May 1st.

Change of addresses.—Robert P. Boutland, to Seamer House, Argyle Street, Tynemouth, Northumberland. E. Behrndt, to c/o Mrs. Flint, 39 Sackville Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. Mr. Tyzack's initials should be R. G., instead of J.

New Members.—J. McDonnell, 70 Lower Camden Street, Dublin. S. D. Jackson, 15 St. Georges Road, Coventry. J. Eric Smith, 17 Albert Street, Thornton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Jersey Match.—Mr. Boutland has won for us on board 20, by default, his opponent is going abroad.

Trophy Results.—Class 1: Gunston beat Illingworth; Dewing beat Dr. MacDonald, lost to Chambers, and drew with Bodkin. Class 2a: Jayne beat Ward and Evill; Ward beat Jones; Jayne beat Terry. Class 2b: Shead beat Toledano, and drew with Wilson, Lesser, and Steele. Class 3a: Gurney beat Finch. Class 3b: Rocks beat Hopkins; Rynders beat Jago, and McClusky, and lost to Lowe; Lowe beat Anderton, and Jago. Class 4a: Murray beat Behrndt (default), Heath, and Porch, and drew with Hollingdale. Behrndt beat Griffin; Richardson beat Mrs. Macvean, Oldfield, and drew with Hollingdale. Class 5: Derlien beat Bond; Miss Eveling beat Mead; Miss Herridge beat Miss Baker; Lister beat Miss Baker. Class 4b: Miss Roper has resigned; score cancelled.

New Knock-out Tourney.—Entries to the above must be received by April 5th.

Match *versus Chess Amateur*.—Our opponents claim this match as drawn. The dispute seems to be about Game 47, which they claim to win whilst we adjudicated it a draw. However, Mr. P. Wilson, who looked after the match in our interests, assures us that the score in March *B.C.M.* is correct, except that game 92 is not counted, and this makes no difference to the score.

Handicap Results.—Bardsley drew with Wilson, and lost to Bodkin (2); Boutland beat Porch; Armitage beat Wilson (2) and Joyce (2); Brown beat Day (2), Miss New, and Hollingdale; Bodkin beat H. A. Clarke, and Wilson; Brayne beat Taplin (2); Berg beat H. A. Clarke (2); Evill beat Wilson (2); Duffell beat Rynders, and H. Clarke (2); Gurney beat Shead, and Oldfield; Fairclough beat Taplin (2); Garrus beat Oldfield, and Taplin (2); Gosling beat Taplin; Heywood beat Mrs. Roper, Miss New, and Murray; Harper beat Tapsfield; Hopkins beat Miss New; Joyce beat H. Clarke (2); Lister beat Taplin (2), and Jagger (2); Murray beat Lyon-Campbell (2); Martin beat Behrndt; Mrs. Macvane beat Miss Roper (2), and Taplin (2); Milburn beat Organ, and Whall (2); Matthews beat Menkin; Bardsley beat Menkin; McClusky beat Behrndt; Miss New beat Hopkins; Organ beat Milburn; Rynders beat H. Clarke (2); Tyzack beat Boutland (2), Jagger (2), and Taplin (2); Skelton beat Wilcox (2); Somerville beat Whall (2); Tollitt beat Skelton; Whicher beat Wilson; Wilson beat Shead, Joyce (2), and Clarke (2); Wilcox beat Somerville, Ward (2), and Brayne (2); Whitty beat Oldfield (2). Draws: Duffell and Rynders, Gurney and Stoneman (2), Steele and Ward (2), Milburn and Seymour, Shead and Somerville, Wilson and Whicher.

Jersey Match.—On board 2, D. Johns, G.W.R. Office, Jersey, has been substituted for G. Dupre against E. W. Carmichael.

Played in the Trophies Tourney, Class 1b, 1924-5.

GAME No. 5,644.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. D. ROCKETT		E. PARSONS		H. D. ROCKETT		E. PARSONS	
(Sheffield)		(Hants)		(Sheffield)		(Hants)	
1 P—K 4		1 P—K 4		25 Q×Q		25 Kt×Q	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 Kt—K B 3		26 R(Q3)—K 3		26 Kt—Kt 3	
3 Kt×P		3 P—Q 3		27 P—B 4		27 P—K B 3	
4 Kt—K B 3		4 Kt×P		28 P—Q Kt 4		28 P—R 3	
5 P—Q 4		5 P—Q 4		29 P—Q R 4		29 R—Q 2	
6 B—Q 3		6 B—K 2		30 P—Kt 3		30 R(Q 2)—K 2	
7 Castles		7 Castles		31 K—B 2		31 Kt—B 1	
8 Q Kt—Q 2		8 B—K B 4		32 P—Q 5		32 Kt—Q 2	
9 Q—K 2		9 B—Q 3		33 P—B 5		33 Kt—K 4	
10 R—K 1		10 Kt—Q 2		34 B×Kt		34 R×B	
11 B×Kt		11 P×B		35 P—Kt 4		35 K—B 2	
12 Kt×P		12 R—K 1		36 K—B 3		26 P—K R 4	
13 Q—Q 3		13 P—K R 3		37 P—K R 3		37 R—K R 1	
14 P—Q Kt 3		14 Q—K 2		38 R—Q B 1		38 P×P ch	
15 Kt(B3)—Q 2		15 B—B 5		39 P×P		39 R—Q 1	
16 B—Kt 2		16 Q R—Q 1		40 R—Q 3		40 R—K 2	
17 P—K B 3		17 Kt—K 4		41 P—R 5		41 P—B 3	
18 Q—B 1		18 K B×Kt		42 P—Q 6		42 RK 2)—Q 2	
19 Kt×B		19 Q—Kt 5		43 P—K Kt 5		43 R—K R 1	
20 Kt—K 4		20 Kt—Kt 3		44 K—Kt 4		44 R—K 1	
21 Q—B 2		21 B×Kt		45 P×P		45 P×P	
22 P×B		22 Q—Kt 4		46 R—K R 1		46 K—K 3	
23 Q R—Q 1		23 Q—K R 4		47 K—B 4		47 R—K Kt 1	
24 R—Q 3		24 Q—R 5		48 R(Q 3)—K R 3		48 Resigns	

GAME DEPARTMENT.

Games played in the Moscow Tournament.

GAME No. 5,645.

Jose Raoul Capablanca, who competed in the recently concluded Moscow International Masters' Tournament, suffered an unexpected defeat in a game against the young Russian Master, Iljin-Shenevsky.

The game, which commences with slow, modern development on both sides, takes a lively turn on the 13th move when Capablanca initiates a stormy attack on the Black King. Black fortifying his position as well as possible, and afterwards neglecting White's onrush, seeks compensation on the opposite flank. The champion's wavering on the 19th move involves an irretrievable loss of time and allows Black to break through and to avoid a catastrophe by an ingenious coup on his 31st move, which turns the tables completely in Black's favour.

The notes are extracted from the Poetical Works of Thomas Hood, by Dr. J. Schumer.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE

J. R. CAPABLANCA.

1 P—K 4

.....The drums they arouse,
But with dull row-de-dows,
And they give but a somnolent sound;

2 Q Kt—B 3

Whilst the foot and horse both,
Very slowly and loth,
Begin drowsily mustering round.

3 P—K Kt 3

For altered days brought altered ways,

4 B—Kt 2

5 K Kt—K 2

6 P—Q 3

To the right and left hand,
They fall in by command,
In a line that might better be dressed

7 Castles

8 P—K R 3

Then the arms christened small
Fire no volley at all.

9 B—K 3

10 Q—Q 2

11 Kt—Q 1

The horses have been *broken well*,
All danger is rescinded,
For some have *broken both their knees*
And some are *broken winded*.

BLACK

A. ILJIN-SHENEVSKY.

1 P—Q B 4

2 Q Kt—B 3

3 P—K Kt 3

4 B—Kt 2

5 P—Q 3

6 Kt—B 3

7 Castles

8 P—Q R 3

9 B—Q 2

10 R—K 1

11 R—Q B 1

12 P—Q B 3

To praise and enforce
A temperate course.

12 Q—R 4

13 P—K Kt 4

And the wind is rising squally and loud
With many a stormy token.

13 K R—Q 1

14 P—K B 4

Madly, sadly, the tempest raves.....

14 B—K 1

And round him eddy, with whirl and whizz,
Tornadoes of hail, and sleet and rain,
Enough to bewilder a weaker brain.

15 P—Kt 5

And there at the door they muster and cluster,
And thump and kick and bellow and bluster.

15 Kt—Q 2

I wonder what As-best-os means !

.....
The word is clear and plain enough,
It means a Nag wot goes the pace
And so *as-best-os* wins the race.

16 P—B 5

As many more
Mob round the door.

16 P—Kt 4

17 Kt—B 4

Here and there, and in out and out
With a crush and a rush, for a full bodied rout.

17 P—Kt 5

But on, and on, and on,
In spite of all unsavoury shocks,
Steadily steering ship-like for the docks.

18 P—B 6

And happy your luck
If you don't get stuck.

18 B—B 1

19 Kt—B 2

The question with its ins and outs,
Was intricate and full of doubts ;

19 Kt P×P

20 Kt P×P

20 P—K 3

21 P—K R 4

'Tis a strange and painful mystery !
But the more the eggs, the worse the hatch
The more the fish, the worse the catch.

21 R—Kt 1

22 P—R 5

Another step and lo he was launched !

22 R—Kt 3

23 P×P

And then—Great Jove—the struggle, the crush,
The screams, the heaving, the awful rush.

23 R P×P

24 Kt—Q 1

But still to and fro
It continued to go,
As if looking for soft places below.—

24 Kt (Q 2)—K 4

When one of a "Grand Equestrian Troop"
Makes a jump at a gilded hoop,
Not certain at all
Of what might befall
After his getting through it!

25 Q—B 2

25 Kt—Kt 5

Thus well equipped he gaily skipped,.....

26 Q—R 4

But, oh,—the worst of all your slips
I did not till this day discover,—

.....
Like chaste Diana going to hunt,
With a golden spear—which of course was blunt.

26 Kt (B 3)—K 4

27 P—Q 4

Ride out he would, and hunt he would,
Nor dreamt of ending ill;

28 Kt×Kt

27 Kt×B
28 Q×B P

.....she took to squall and kick
For pain will ring, and pins will prick,.....

29 P×Kt

29 Q×Kt ch

They reel, they sink, they gasp, they smother,
One for a moment survives his brother,
Then rolls a corpse across the other!

30 K—R 1

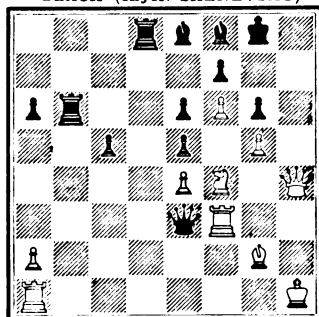
30 P×P

Next thing a lancer, with his lance
Began to thrust away;
I called for quarter, but alas!
It was not Quarter-day.

31 R—B 3

Position after 31 R—B3:

BLACK (ILJIN-SHENEVSKY)



WHITE (CAPABLANCA)

Some cumbrous sort
Of sledge-hammer retort.

31 P×Kt!

- 32 R×Q
I've met with many a breeze before
But never such a blow!
- 33 Q—K 1
Up jumps fear in a terrible fright.
- 34 Q×P
Up he jumps like a sole from the pan
And a tremor sickens his inward man,
For he feels as only a gentleman can,
Who thinks he is being "gutted."
- 35 B—B 3
Who, too apt to stare
At some castle in air.
- 36 P—R 3
37 Q—R 7
No sail to reef against a squall;
No wheel, no steering now!
- 38 Resigns.
They went and told the sexton
And the sexton toll'd the bell.
.....
But still thy fame shall be among the nations
Preserved to the last course of generations.
- 32 P×R
33 R—Kt 7
34 K R—Q 7
35 P—B 5
36 B—Q 3
37 P—B 6

GAME No. 5,646.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

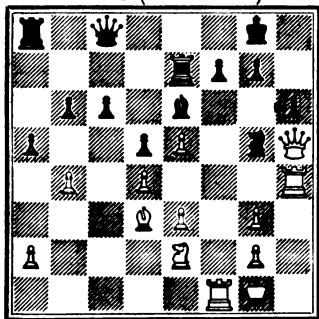
- | WHITE | BLACK | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--|
| F. J. MARSHALL | R. SPIELMANN | 11 B—K B 4 | 11 Kt—B 1 |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 | 12 Kt—K 5 | |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 | | Disdaining the preservation of
the Bishop (by 12 P—K R 3). |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 P—Q 4 | | 12 Kt—R 4 |
| 4 B—Kt 5 | 4 Q Kt—Q 2 | 13 B—Kt 3 | 13 Kt×B |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 P—B 3 | 14 R P×Kt | 14 B—B 3 |
| 6 P×P | | 15 P—B 4 | 15 B×Kt |
| A declaration on White's part
that he does not want the fashion-
able defence of .., P×P, .., P—
Q Kt 4, and .., P—Q R 3. | | 16 B P×B | 16 B—Kt 5 |
| | 6 K P×P | 17 R—B 4 | 17 Q—Q 2 |
| 7 B—Q 3 | 7 B—K 2 | 18 Q R—K B 1 | 18 R—K 2 |
| 8 Q—B 2 | 8 Castles | 19 P—Kt 4 | 19 B—K 3 |
| 9 Kt—B 3 | 9 R—K 1 | | |
| 10 Castles | 10 P—K R 3 | | |
| If 10.., Kt—K 5; 11
B—K B 4, threatening 12 Kt×
P and 13 B—B 7. | | | He wants, in case of 20
P—Kt 5, to be able to reply 20..,
P×P without losing his Q P, and
throws upon White the onus of
finding another idea or of accept-
ing the draw; on the 22nd move
Marshall realises the intention and
starts another plan. |

- 20 K R—B 2 20 B—Kt 5
 21 R—B 4 21 B—K 3
 22 Q—B 2 22 Kt—R 2
 23 Q—B 3 23 Kt—Kt 4
 24 Q—R 5 24 P—Q Kt 3
 25 R—R 4 25 Q—B 1

.....His next two moves explain the choice of Queen rather than Rook for this square. Relying upon his three pieces on the King's wing being enough to defend him there, he is following the traditional plan of trying to break through on the Queen's side where White has left himself weak.

- 26 Kt—K 2 26 P—R 4
 Position after 26, P—R 4 :

BLACK (SPIELMANN)



WHITE (MARSHALL)

- 27 R—B 6 !
 A characteristic Marshall coup !

27 Q—B 1

.....He must prevent 28 R × R P. 27..., B—Kt 5 is of no use because of 28 R × B, P × R; 29 P × P; and 30 R × Kt ch.

- 28 Kt—B 4 28 P × P

.....If now 28..., P × R; 29 P × P, and the various possibilities would require a page of analysis to indicate; two sample variations must suffice. If 29..., K R—K 1; 30 Kt—Kt 6, P × Kt; 31 Q × P ch wins. If 29.. R—Q 2; 30 Kt × B, P × Kt (Kt × Kt; 31 Q—B 5, Kt—Kt 4; 32 R—Kt 4, and wins); 31 Q—Kt 6 ch R—Kt 2 (must); 32 Q × R P, Kt—B 6 ch; 33 P × Kt (33 K—R 1, Kt × R; 34 P × R, Q × P; 35 Q × P ch, Q—B 2 leaves White to fight a difficult ending with the Exchange down); R × P ch; 34 K—B 2, Q × Q; 35 R × Q, R—Kt 4; 36 P—B 4, R—B 4 (... R—Kt 5, 37 B—K 2 wins), 37 B × R, P × B; 38 P—B 7 ch, K × P; 39 R × P, and White has the better prospects. The text move means that Black has decided to let the Queen go for two pieces in despair of finding another way out (probably with only seconds left to complete his 30th move in two hours).

- 29 Kt—Kt 6 29 P × Kt
 30 R × Q ch 30 R × R
 31 Q × Kt P 31 Kt—K 5

.....There is no saving the King's Rook's Pawn.

- 32 B × Kt 32 P × B
 33 R × R P 33 B—B 4
 34 Q—Kt 5 34 R—K 3
 35 R × R 35 B × R
 36 Q—Kt 6 36 B—Q 4
 37 P—K 6 37 R—B 1
 38 Q—B 7 ch 38 K—R 2
 39 Q—Q 7 39 R—Q R 1
 40 P—K 7 40 B—B 2
 41 Q × P 41. Resigns

GAME No. 5,647.

Sicilian Defence.

- WHITE BLACK
 A. ILJIN-SHENEVSKY Dr. E. LASKER
 1 P—K 4 1 P—Q B 4
 2 Kt—Q B 3

In great favour with Zukertort, this has since his day been superseded by the immediate sortie of the other Knight.

- 2 P—K 3
 3 P—Q 3
 3 Kt—B 3
 4 P—K Kt 3

When this is intended it is usual to play the King's Knight to K 2; but if he is going to play P—Q 4 eventually it does not much matter which square be chosen.

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| 5 B—Kt 2 | 4 Kt—K B 3 |
| 6 Castles | 5 B—K 2 |
| 7 P—Kt 3 | 6 Castles |
| 8 B—Kt 2 | 7 Kt—B 3 |
| 9 P—Q 4 | 8 B—Q 2 |
| 10 Kt×P | 9 P×P |
| 11 Q—Q 2 | 10 Q—R 4 |
| 12 Q R—Q I | 11 Q R—B I |
| | 12 K—R I |
- To avoid 13 Kt×Kt;
14 Kt—Q 5 and 15 Kt×B ch,
with better game for White.
- 13 Q Kt—K 2 13 Q×P
- The cautious after play
forbids the supposition that this
was other than a temporary
aberration.
- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| 14 R—R I | 14 Q×B |
| 15 K R—Kt I | 15 Q×R ch |
| 16 R×Q | 16 K R—Q I |
| 17 P—Q B 4 | |

A mistaken policy. He should permit ..., P—Q 4, and aim at answering it with P—K 5. For this purpose he has the choice between 17 Kt—K I (intending if 17..., P—Q 4, to follow with 18 Kt×Kt and 19 P—K 5) and 17 P—K B 4. Black would not venture upon answering the latter with 17..., P—K 4, because of 18 Kt—Kt 5, leaving Black's Q 4 square very weak.

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|-------------|-------------|
| 18 P—B 4 | 17 Kt—K I |
| 19 K—R I | 18 P—Q R 3 |
| 20 Q—K 3 | 19 Kt—B 2 |
| 21 R—Q I | 20 R—Q Kt I |
| 22 Q—Q B 3? | 21 Kt—Kt 5 |
| 23 R—R I | 22 P—Q R 4 |

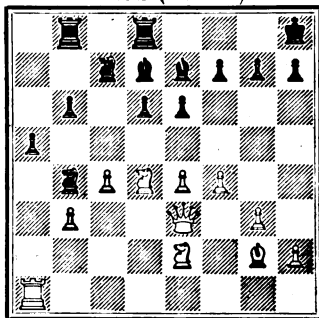
A weak move, and the cause of embarrassment presently.

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| 24 Q—K 3 | 23 P—Q Kt 3 |
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Now the fault of his 17th move is apparent. He is threatened with the cramping 24 B—K B 3, and in trying to forestall it makes a slip, perhaps also being short of time. Best was 24 R—Q I, if B—K B 3, 25 Q—Q 2.

Position after 24 Q—K 3:

BLACK (LASKER)



WHITE (ILJIN-SHENEVSKY)

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|-------------|-------------|
| 25 Kt—B 5 | 24 P—K 4 |
| 26 P×B | 25 B×Kt |
| 27 Q—Q B 3 | 26 Kt—B 7 |
| 28 Q×Kt | 27 Kt×R |
| 29 Q—K Kt I | 28 B—B 3 |
| 30 P×Q P | 29 P—Q 4 |
| 31 P×P | 30 Kt×P |
| 32 P—K Kt 4 | 31 B×P |
| 33 P—R 4 | 32 P—B 3 |
| 34 Kt—Q 4 | 33 P—Q Kt 4 |

Now the Black Q R P is an obvious winner, the White minor pieces being singularly helpless.

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|------------|------------|
| 35 Q×Kt | 34 Kt—K 6! |
| 36 B—B 3 | 35 R×Kt |
| 37 P—R 5 | 36 P—R 5 |
| 38 Q—K 2 | 37 P—R 6 |
| 39 Resigns | 38 Q R—Q I |

GAME No. 5,648.

King's Bishop's Gambit.

WHITE

R. SPIELMANN

BLACK

G. LÖWENFISCH

- | | |
|-----------|---------|
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 P—K B 4 | |

It was Herr Spielmann who told us some time ago (*B.C.M.*)

1923, p. 433; 1924, pp. 1 and 59, that the King's Gambit was on its sickbed. Can it be that he now regards the patient as convalescent? Or only that he suspected his present opponent of unsound views as to the defence?

- 3 B—B 4
4 K—B 1
5 B×P

.....This counter-attack is usually considered to go better without the Queen's check.

- 6 Kt—Q B 3 .

6 Kt—K B 3 first was better. Black should have replied to the text-move with 6... Kt—Kt 5 ; 7 Kt—R 3, Kt—Q B 3.

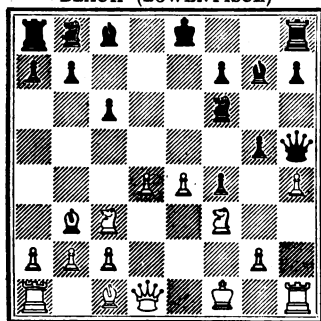
- 7 P—Q 4
7 P—B 3

.....This could wait a little, as it leaves his Q 3 square very weak ; 7... B—Kt 2 was correct.

- 8 B—Kt 3
9 Kt—B 3
10 P—K R 4

Position after 10 P—K R 4 :

BLACK (LÖWENFISCH)



WHITE (SPIELMANN)

- 10 B—Kt 5

.....Now Black reaps the disadvantage of having tried to

combine (at moves 3, 4 and 5) two defences usually kept separate. With his King's Knight developed at K 2 in the ordinary way he could proceed here with 10... P—K R 3 ; 11 K—Kt 1, Q—Kt 3, in safety ; but as it stands that would subject him to the reply 12 Kt—K 5 !

- 11 P—K 5
12 Q×B
13 P×Q
14 Kt—K 4
15 P×P
16 K—B 2
17 P×P
18 R×R ch
19 Kt×P

- 11 B×Kt
12 Q×Q ch
13 Kt—R 4
14 P—K R 3
15 P×P
16 P—B 3
17 Kt×P
18 B×R

With a won game, as the advanced Pawn must fall soon.

- 19 Kt—Q 4
20 B—B 3
21 B—R 5 ch
22 Kt—R 3
23 P×B
24 Castles
25 Kt—B 2
26 B—Kt 4
27 B×Kt
28 Kt—K 3
29 R—Kt 1
30 K—Q 2
31 R—K B 1
32 R—B 2
33 K—K 2
34 Kt—B 1
35 K—K 1
36 Resigns

GAME No. 5,649.

One of 22 simultaneous games at the Stratford-on-Avon Congress.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE

E. SNOSKO-
BOROVSKY.

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 B—Kt 5
4 Castles

BLACK

B. GOULDING-
BROWN.

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—Q B 3
3 Kt—B 3
4 B—B 4

.....Unusual at this stage. It has, however, had some attention in the cognate variation 3... P—Q R 3 ; 4 B—R 4, Kt—B 3 ; 5 Castles, where the Bishop can, at need, be withdrawn to Q R 2 without losing the power of driving back the White Bishop.

5 P—B 3

The line 5 Kt×P, Kt×P; 6 Kt×Kt, to be followed by 7 Q—B 3 is of no value here owing to the White Bishop being attacked by Black's recapture on move 6.

5 Castles

6 P—Q 4

6 B—Kt 3

7 B—Kt 5

7 R—K 1, P—Q 3; 8 P—K R 3 is a line which tends to embarrass Black more.

7 P—Q 3

8 B×Q Kt

8 P×B

9 P×P

9 P×P

10 Q Kt—Q 2

As Mr. Goulding-Brown points out, there was nothing to gain here by 10 Q×Q, R×Q; 11 Kt×P, B—R 3!; 12 Kt×Q B P, B×R; 13 Kt×R, R×Kt; 14 K×B, R—Q 8 ch.

10 Q—K 2

11 Q—K 2

11 Q—K 3

12 B×Kt

If this is best, or even necessary, White has failed in the opening.

12 Q×B

13 P—K R 3

13 R—K 1

14 Q—B 4

His next move might better precede this one.

14 P—Q R 4

15 K R—K 1

15 B—R 3

16 Q—Kt 3

16 Q R—Kt 1

17 Q—B 2

17 K R—Q 1

18 P—B 4

18 Q—K 2

19 Q R—B 1

19 B—B 4

20 P—R 3

20 B—B 1

.....A necessary preliminary to his 23rd move.

21 Kt—Kt 3

21 P—R 5

22 Kt—R 5

The safe line was 22 Kt×B; but the simultaneous player, quite in the dark as to the strength of single opponents, is very liable to be tempted by such moves as this. The game now yields a series of highly interesting positions.

(See Diagram)

22 Q—B 3

23 Q×P

23 R×P

24 R—B 1

24 Q—B 5

25 Kt×Q B P

A capture which should have proved fatal. 25 Q R—Q 1 was the right course.

25 R×P

.....This allows victory to escape him, by permitting White to get rid of the dangerous Black Rook, after which the counter attack has not enough bite. The winning line was 25... B×P ch; 26 K—R 1, B×P!; then if 27 Kt×R, Black mates in five commencing 27... B×P ch; White would therefore have to play 27 Q Kt×P, Q—Kt 6; 28 P×B, Q×P ch; 29 Kt—R 2, B Kt 6; 30 R—Q B 2, B×Kt at R 7 31 R×R, B×Kt ch; 32 K—Kt 1 B×R, and wins.

26 K—R 1

26 B×K R P

27 R×R

27 Q×R ch

.....Now if 27... B×R; 28 R—Q 1, R—K B 1; 29 Q Kt×K P, P—B 3 (... Q—Kt 6; 30 P×B, Q×P ch; 31 Kt—R 2, B—Kt 6; 32 Q Kt—B 3 and wins); 30 Kt—Q 3, Q—Kt 5; 31 Q Kt—K 1, Q—R 4; 32 P×B, and again White is safe.

28 K—R 2

28 B×R

.....28... B—Q 2 is met by 29 R—Q 2. 28... Q—B 5 ch; 29 K—R 1 (best) is only a transposition. He has nothing better to do now than accept the draw.

29 Kt×R

29 Q—B 5 ch

30 K—R 1

30 Q—B 8 ch

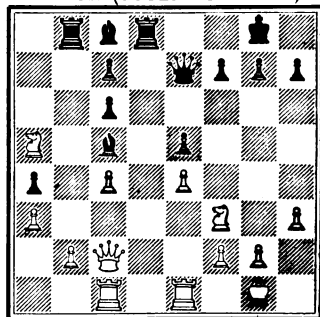
31 K—R 2

31 Q—B 5 ch

Drawn by perpetual check.

Position after 22 Kt—R 5:

BLACK (GOULDING-BROWN)



.....22..., K×B; 23 R—Q 8 ch, K—K 2; 24 Q—Q 6 ch, K—B 3; 25 B—B 7! and wins.		32 Q×R	Not 32 R×R, Q—Q 7 ch; 33 K—Kt 3, Q—K 8 ch and draws.	
23 R—Q 8	23 Q—B 8 ch		32 Q×Kt	
24 K—R 2	24 Q—B 3		32..., P—R 4; 33 Q—K 5 with 34 Kt—B 6 ch and 35 Kt—Q 7 dis ch would also lose quickly.	
25 Q—Q 6	25 Q—Kt 2		33 R×B ch	33 K—Kt 2
26 Kt—B 3	26 P—K Kt 4		34 R—Kt 8 ch	34 K—B 3
27 Kt—K 2	27 P—Kt 5		35 Q—Q 8 ch	35 Resigns
28 Kt—Kt 3	28 P×P			
29 P×P	29 P—K R 4			
30 Kt×P	30 Q—R 3			
31 Q—K 5!	31 R×B			

Other games from the Moscow Tournament.

GAME No. 5,651.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
A. RUBINSTEIN		F. SÄMISCH		A. RUBINSTEIN		F. SÄMISCH	
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3		17 Kt—K 2		17 P—Q B 4	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K 3		18 P×P		18 Kt×P	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 B—Kt 5		19 Kt—Q 4		19 Kt—K 3	
4 P—K 3		4 Castles		20 Kt—K 2		20 B—Q 2	
5 K Kt—K 2		5 P—Q 4		21 P—B 5		21 Kt—Q 5	
6 P—Q R 3		6 B—K 2		22 R—B 2		22 Kt×Kt ch	
7 Kt—B 4		7 P—B 3		23 B×Kt		23 Q—B 4	
8 P×P		8 K P×P		24 P—Q R 4		24 R—K 2?	
9 B—Q 3		9 R—K 1		25 B—R 3		25 Q—K 6	
10 Castles		10 B—Q 3		26 B×R		26 Q×B	
11 P—B 3		11 Q—B 2		27 Q—Q 4!		27 R—K 1	
12 P—R 3		12 Q Kt—Q 2		28 Q R—Q B 1		28 Q—R 6'	
13 P—Q Kt 4!		13 Kt—B 1		29 R—B 7		29 Q—Q 3	
14 P—Kt 4		14 B×Kt		30 R×P		30 Q—Kt 6 ch	
15 P×B		15 P—Q R 4		31 R—Kt 2		31 Resigns.	
16 P—Q Kt 5		16 Kt—K 3					

GAME No. 5,652.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. BOGATYRTSCHUK		J. R. CAPABLANCA		F. BOGATYRTSCHUK		J. R. CAPABLANCA	
1 P—K 4		1 P—Q B 4		16 Q—Kt 3		16 Q—R 4	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 Kt—Q B 3		17 K R—Q 1		17 P—Q 4	
3 P—Q 4		3 P×P		18 P×P		18 B×P	
4 Kt×P		4 Kt—B 3		19 B×B		19 P×B	
5 Kt—Q B 3		5 P—Q 3		20 B—Q 4		20 B—B 4	
6 B—K 2		6 P—K 3		21 Q—B 2		21 Kt—Kt 5	
7 Castles		7 B—K 2		22 Q—Q 2		22 K R—K 1	
8 B—K 3		8 Castles		23 K—R 1		23 Q—Kt 5	
9 P—B 4		9 B—Q 2		24 Kt×P		24 Q×B	
10 Kt—Kt 3		10 P—Q R 3		25 Kt—K 7 ch		25 K—B 1	
11 P—Q R 4		11 Kt—Q R 4		26 Q×Q		26 B×Q	
12 Q—K 1		12 Kt×Kt		27 Kt×R		27 Kt—B 7 ch	
13 P×Kt		13 B—B 3		28 K—Kt 1		28 Kt×R ch	
14 B—B 3		14 Q—B 2		29 Resigns.			
15 R—B 1		15 Q R—B 1					

Game No. 5,653.

Vienna Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
DR. S. TARTAKOVER		A. RUBINSTEIN		DR. S. TARTAKOVER		A. RUBINSTEIN	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	20	Kt—K 3	20	Q R—Q 1
2	Kt—Q B 3	2	Kt—K B 3	21	Kt—B 5	21	B×Kt
3	B—B 4	3	Kt—B 3	22	P×B	22	Q—Q 2
4	P—Q 3	4	B—B 4	23	R—B 4	23	K R—K 1
5	B—K 3	5	P—Q 3	24	K—R 1	24	R—K 2
6	B×B	6	P×B	25	R—K 4	25	Q R—K 1
7	K Kt—K 2	7	Kt—Q R 4	26	Q—R 4	26	K—Kt 1
8	B—Kt 3	8	Kt×B	27	Q—B 2	27	P—Q Kt 3
9	R P×Kt	9	Castles	28	Q R—K 1	28	K—R 1
10	Castles	10	Kt—Kt 5	29	Q R—K 3	29	K—Kt 1
11	P—R 3	11	Kt—R 3	30	R—Kt 3	30	K—R 1
12	P—B 4	12	P×P	31	R×P!	31	R×R
13	Kt×P	13	P—K B 3	32	Kt×P	32	Q—K 2
14	Q—B 3	14	Kt—B 2	33	Kt×R	33	Q×Kt
15	R—B 2	15	Kt—K 4	34	Q—B 4	34	R—K 2
16	Q—Kt 3	16	P—B 3	35	P—B 6	35	Kt—Kt 3
17	Kt—R 5	17	Q—K 2	36	R×R	36	Kt×R
18	Q R—K B 1	18	K—R 1	37	P—B 7	37	Resigns.
19	Kt—Q 1!	19	B—Q 2				

Game No. 5,654.

Queen's Pawn Opening (in effect).

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY		J. R. CAPABLANCA		F. DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY		J. R. CAPABLANCA	
1	Kt—K B 3	1	Kt—K B 3	26	Kt—Kt 3	26	P—Kt 5
2	P—Q 4	2	P—K Kt 3	27	Kt—K 2	27	P—Kt 4
3	P—K 3	3	B—Kt 2	28	Kt—B 1	28	K R—Q B 1
4	B—Q 3	4	Castles	29	P—B 4	29	P—Kt 6!
5	Castles	5	P—Q 3	30	Kt×P	30	B—R 5
6	P—K 4	6	Q Kt—Q 2	31	Kt (Kt 1)—Q 2	31	B—Kt 5
7	P—K R 3		P—B 4	32	P—Kt 3	32	Kt—K 3
8	P—B 3	8	P—K 4	33	Q—Q 3	33	R—Q 1
9	P×K P	9	P×P	34	Q—K 2	34	Q R—Kt 1!
10	P—Q R 4	10	Q—B 2	35	R—B 1	35	K B×Kt
11	Kt—R 3	11	P—B 5	36	Kt×B	36	B×R
12	Q Kt×P	12	Kt—B 4	37	Q×B	37	R×P
13	Q—K 2	13	Kt×B	38	Q—Q B 1	38	R—R 7
14	Q×Kt	14	R—Q 1	39	R—B 2	39	R—Q 6
15	Q—K 2	15	B—K 3	40	Kt—B 1	40	Q R—R 6
16	Kt—R 3	16	P—K R 3	41	P—B 4	41	Q R—B 6
17	R—K 1	17	P—R 3	42	Q—K 1	42	K P×P
18	Q—B 2	18	B—Q 2	43	P×P	43	Kt×P
19	B—K 3	19	B—B 3	44	B×Kt	44	P×B
20	Kt—Q 2	20	P—Q Kt 4	45	Q—K 2	45	P—B 6
21	P×P	21	P×P	46	Q—Q R 2	46	R—B 8
22	P—B 3	22	Kt—R 4	47	R×P	47	R×R
23	Q R—Q 1	23	B—B 1	48	Q—Kt 2 ch	48	R—Kt 6
24	Kt—Kt 1	24	B—Q 2	49	Resigns		
25	Kt—B 1	25	Kt—B 5				

PROBLEM WORLD.

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THE BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

On the 26th February, Mr. B. G. Laws engaged his audience in the consideration of the problems by the late secretary, Mr. G. W. Chandler, supplemented by an outline of this popular enthusiast's career. The *Morning Post*, Chess Editor remarked in his column that those present spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. Dawson, on the 26th ult., was scheduled to give one of his airy papers dealing with fairy chess, entitled "March Hares." There is not sufficient time to make comments upon this lecture this month.

Mr. B. J. de C. Andrade is to give the last of the Society's 1925-26 season on Wednesday, the 21st April. The title is "King in the Corner," and Mr. Andrade is sure to strike something worth listening to. Note the address and time: St. Bride's Institute, St. Bride's Lane, E.C., at 6-30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

B.C.P.S. SEVENTH SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 13, by S. M. Joseph (p. 104).—1 R b6, with a dual after B f5. Four points. From *Manchester Evening News* of January 31st, 1890.

No. 14, by D. Pirnie (p. 104).—1 Q f3, with duals after Kt × P and R d8 ch. Five points. From *Falkirk Herald* of February 5th, 1913.

No. 15, by J. A. W. Hunter (p. 104).—1 Q a1. This beautiful piece of work. is from *Illustrated London News* of June 25th, 1887. Three points.

No. 16, by T. A. Brock (p. 104).—1 B f1. Three points. From *Knowledge* of November, 1895. This caught many solvers when first published.

No. 17, by A. K. Sheldon (p. 104).—1 K g7, with a dual after Q e4. Four points. A magnificent "dead block."

No. 18, by F. W. Gamage (p. 104).—1 Q d2. Three points. First prize *Western Daily Mercury*, 1904.

No. 19, by H. W. Barry (p. 105).—1 R g6, B f5 ch; 2 R e6, etc. If 1... B × R; 2 B × B, etc. If 1... B c2; 2 Kt e6 ch, etc. Points = 16 (key 10, continuations 6). There are numerous dual continuations, but the above is a sufficient solution. From *Checkmate*, 1904.

No. 20, by S. Herland (p. 105).—1 R a3, B × B; 2 R d3, etc. If 1... Q a8, b8 or × P; 2 B × B ch, etc. If 1... else., 2 Q b3 threat. Points = 16 (key 10, continuations 6). We saw this problem in the *Daily Telegraph* about 1913, but do not know the original source.

No. 21, by S. Angas (p. 105).—1 Kt (f3) × P ch, K e5 dis. ch; 2 Kt e4, etc. Points = 12 (key 10, continuation 2). This problem is quoted in the *Boys' Own Paper* for July 2nd, 1892, as by S. Angas; but it appears to be a manipulation of a four-mover by Herlin (see Dupresne's *Schachaufgaben*, vol. 2, p. 137).

No. 22. This problem has been cancelled. There should be a White Bishop on g8, and the key is R f7. By J. Berger. A revised version of an entry in the *Chess Monthly* Tourney of 1882.

No. 23, by A. Arnell (p. 105).—1 Q a6, P × Kt; 2 Q b6 ch, etc. If 1... P × B; 2 R d3, etc. If 1... P e5 or Kt × B; 2 R c3 ch, etc. If 1... Kt b5; 2 Q b6 ch, etc. White appears to be able to continue with 2 Q a3 ch after 1... P × Kt as well as above. Points = 18 (key 10, continuations 8). Second prize *Baltimore Sunday News*, 1882.

No. 24, by A. C. Challenger (p. 105).—1 R×P, threat; 2 R f5 dble. ch, etc. If 1..., K c6; 2 R c7 ch, etc. If 1..., K d6 or c6; 2 R a5, etc. If 1..., K else; 2 R f5, etc. Points = 18 (key 10, continuations 8). From *Knowledge*, November, 1895. Note.—As no definite rule was laid down about dual mates by promotion the extra point in No. 14 above is being awarded to all solvers.

Full points for the month in Section "A" are 102. Solutions were received from C. Jolly, G. Stillingfleet Johnson and B. A. Russ (102 points); A. H. Haddy, J. A. Lewis, A. C. Vaughan and the Rev. E. W. Poynton (101); and J. Leishman (100).

In Section "B" the full points are 22. Solutions were received from G. H. G. Wise and J. R. Whalley (22 points); G. Coley and J. H. Murgatroyd (21); C. E. Rapley (12); and G. E. Hopkins (9).

Further solutions to the first twelve problems were received from: Section "A" N. N. Subramania Iyer (147 points), N. S. V. Iyer (146), N. V. Joshi (136). Section "B" P. A. Joshi (27 points).

The date for receipt of entries in the Fifth International Tourney has been extended to 31st May next.

The *Weekly Westminster* having ceased publication, Dr. Schumer has arranged to continue the chess feature in the daily *Westminster Gazette*, and offers prizes for three and four-movers on the lines of the previous twelve competitions he has conducted. The problems must appear in the *Gazette* during 1926 and January, 1927. The prizes offered are 40/-, 30/-, 20/- and 10/- for the position entered considered to be the most original in idea. The adjudication will be in the hands of B. G. Laws.

"THE WEEKLY WESTMINSTER" 1925 TOURNEY REPORT OF B. G. LAWS.

Three-Movers.

The three-movers are on the whole a fine lot, mostly rich in strategic device, and careful discrimination has been necessary to separate the two positions which should according to my lights deserve the honours of the Tourney.

No. 3,162, by B. J. de C. Andrade, is a work of cumulative strategy and stands out as a bold conception. The four-fold Nowotny idea marks this effect as a great achievement. Ingenuity is shown in fixing the four intersecting points and particularly is this the case after 1..., R×Kt. I am not too sure that a Black Pawn at Q 2 could not replace the Black Queen, which would save the advanced Queen's Pawn and incidentally cut out the dual after 1..., Q—K 3, but it may be considered the Queen gives the affair pomp and colour. One deplores the workless Bishop at KB 1. I have dissected the structure and failed to find any other way of preventing the Black Bishop reaching K Kt 8. The dual recorded after 1..., B—Q 5, does not exist. On the whole I feel justice will be done by giving this extraordinary problem first place.

No. 3,133, by G. Heathcote, is excellent in its scheme of effecting four pin-models with a fifth model without the pin. The nature and demands of the idea necessitate captures, still, greedy grabbing is not as a rule pleasing. The key is only fair but the construction is undeniably accurate. It is a pity the White King could not stand on Q R 8 and relieve the Queen's Rook's Pawn which tells a significant tale, but this is not feasible in view of the defence of 1..., K R—Q Kt 5.

HON. MENTION.

No. 3,171, by N. M. Gibbins, with only ten men is surprisingly varied, illustrating the peculiar feature of four model mates with a pinned Queen not in the King's field. The key is a splendid one in such a dainty setting. It has not the appearance of being a block which tempts solvers to try a threatening key.

No. 3,153, by B. J. de C. Andrade, is a charming illustration of White King play to seek a spot unassailable by Black. Unfortunately in a measure this scheme has been anticipated by Dr. Otto Wurzburg, as seen in annexed diagram, which really accentuates the principal idea by the additional Black Rook, but on the other hand Andrade's in its guileless posing with the key not threatening immediate mate is a charming work.

No. 3,170, by K. Howard, is an adroit interpretation of *en passant* play in a three-mover. The idea, however, has been made the subject matter of several problems, both in two and three moves. I have not satisfied myself that the Black Knight is necessary, nor any reason why the White Bishop should not stand at K Kt 7, thus saving a Pawn.

Four-Movers.

The four-movers are uncommonly good and one cannot but feel disappointed in discovering No. 3,152 (W. J. Wood) and No. 3,176 (P. F. Blake) have no solutions as both have excellent ideas and are apparently well constructed except of course the elimination of the flaws.

I have no hesitation in placing No. 3,138, by Godfrey Heathcote, first. It has a capital key, carrying a somewhat deep threat leading to two unusual model mates. The defence 1... Kt—K 1 cleverly brings about a strategical continuation with two quiet moves which also results in a model. The other defence of the Knight allows bright play with a surprising model mate with the Rook's Pawn. 1... B—Q 2 is a nice variant and gives to this piece a triple office: blocking White Q B 8 in the threat, creating a line of play and preventing a cook by 1 Q—Q Kt 1. The Black Pawn at Q Kt 6 and White's Pawn at K B 2 are necessary to stop 1 Q—R 3 and 1 Q—K 1 respectively being effective.

SECOND PRIZE.

No. 3,141, by G. F. Anderson, is extremely piquant and not a little puzzling. The author has made use of the White King, a successful feature in a number of his problems, and here his movement is ingeniously mapped out. It is astonishing the variety which has been secured with such a small White force, and it is curious to note there are no fewer than five models, though they are effected on the border line or corner.

FIRST HON. MENTION.

No. 3,180, by Kenneth S. Howard, shows skilful handling of two White Rooks in a position made a little complex through the employment of so many Pawns, four of which are necessary for securing soundness. There are four continuations from White's second move and in each there is a decided point. It is of its kind a work which should please every solver. It is not difficult, but the defence 1... P—B 5 may well make one pause.

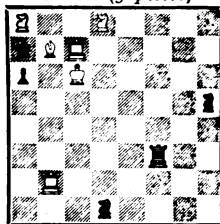
SECOND HON. MENTION.

No. 3,179, by B. J. de C. Andrade. The double inducement by sacrifice to bring either the Bishop or Rook beyond the square of intersection by the Queen is manipulated in a clever manner, giving the strategy a flavour of the Plachutta idea. The principal weakness is the key-move. The White Queen where it is must come into the arena to be of service and the choice lies between only two squares Q 1 and K B 1. The first makes no challenge but the other, though offered to sacrifice does stir things up a bit. The lay-out is attractive and there are points in the construction which mark the work as a well-finished one. Unfortunately there are but two lines of play, this, however, has a set-off in the prominent nature of the compound illustration of a delightful theme.

ORIGINALITY.

Of the three-movers and four-movers I have considered I regard No. 3,168, by G. Hume and D. Pirnie, as the most original. It is novel as being an extraordinary "Mutate," changing the apparent promotions of the Pawn to Rooks

By O. WURZBURG.
The Problem, April, 1914.
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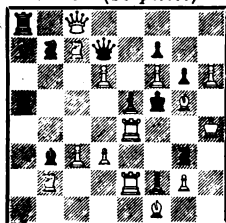


WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

to promotions to Bishops. One would like to see the White Bishop dispensed with as it is seen that it is not required in the continuations as set, but it is easy to point out these little matters, whereas to suggest anything better is another thing, and this but emphasises the difficulties the authors must have faced in the course of construction.

First Prize.

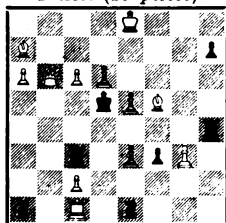
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WHITE (14 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

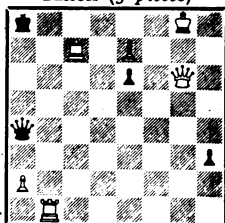
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Mate in three.

Hon. Mention.

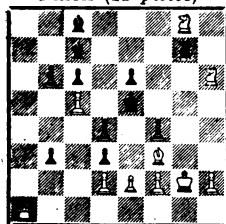
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WHITE (5 pieces)
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First Prize.

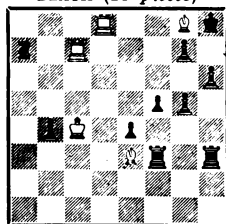
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WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in four.

Second Prize.

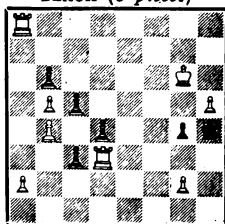
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First Hon. Mention.

By KENNETH S. HOWARD
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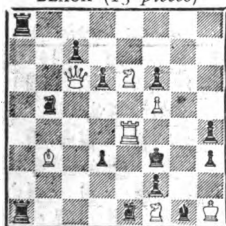


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“DRESDNER ANZEIGERS TOURNEY.”

First Prize.

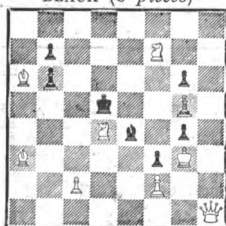
By M. FEIGL.
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WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

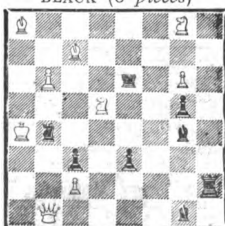
By K. NIELSEN.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By K. ERLIN.
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WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

Fourth Prize: W. Usath. Hon mentions: F. Palitzsch and H. Vetter.

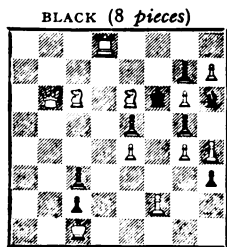
REVIEWS.

Streifzüge durch das Gebiet des Schachproblems. This is a collection of problems by the well-known German problem composer, Dr. Hermann von Gottschall. There are given 761 problems of his own, supplemented by others introduced for explanatory and comparative purposes. Every position is commented upon and the volume is most interesting, showing the diversity of styles, which the author can treat in a graceful manner. The principal defect appears to us to be the absence of information as to origin of publication or date of composition. Among the problems are some beautiful specimens of the art. There are nearly 250 large pages, well-packed with letterpress and diagrams, with a portrait of the author as a frontispiece. The publishers are Walter de Gruyter and Co., Berlin, W.10.

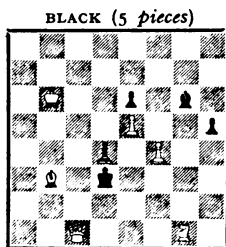
Sam Loyd und seine Schachaufgaben, edited by W. Massmanne. The popularity not only of the great American composer, the late Sam Loyd, but also that masterly record of his works and history, presented by Mr. Alain C. White to the "Problem World" in 1913 is evidenced by this tribute from Germany. It is intended to issue a German translation of Mr. White's instructive and entertaining commentary in parts at 10 pf. each, and we hope the enterprise will be successful. The publishers are Hans Hedewig's Nacht., Curt Ronniger, Perthesstrasse 10, Leipzig.

Seventy More Chess Problems and Puzzles.—This is in the nature of a supplement to the collection of problems by C. D. Locock, published in 1912. Mr. Locock has for many years past interested himself and also his friends in conceptions out of the usual rut, presenting propositions of an original character. There are here 28 direct mates the remainder being self-mates, help-mates, with a mixture of unorthodox problems, amusing and startling, something to make a change from the ordinary daily fare one is accustomed to face. One might say the contents are refreshing and novel. We quote three samples to show the deft hand he possesses. The book is published at 2/6 by the *Chess Amateur*, Stroud, and is nicely presented.

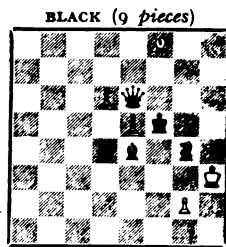
By C. D. Locock.



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Mate in three.



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Mate in three.



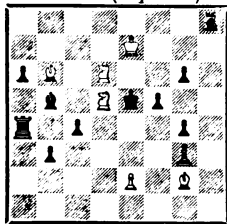
WHITE (3 pieces)
Black to play and help
White to mate in four
moves.

The XVIIth International Problem Competition for unpublished problems is announced for 1926. Mr. Alberto Mari, the judge, will report on 30th March, 1927. The prizes are : For two movers, 1st prize, 100 lire ; 2nd, 50 ; 3rd, 25 ; for three movers, 1st prize, 150 lire ; 2nd, 75 ; 3rd, 30. There will be special prizes for the best change mate in the two-ers and for the best strategy in the three-ers. Apply Dr. A. Luiselli, C. p. 1207, Genova.

No. 2558 (corrected)

By B. G. LAWS

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

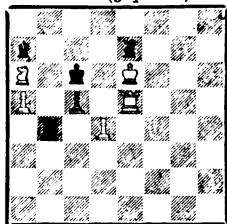
We sent to press in error an early and unsound version of this problem. As one or two solvers have made remarks upon the originality of the little scheme, we reproduce it in the form which it finally took.

We believe we have never given an example of "Fairy Chess," which comes under the denomination of "Maximummer." This term may need some explanation to many of our readers. It is simply that Black is compelled to make the longest move (lineal measurement) he has available. White is not restricted. Our contributor points out the initial setting is symbolic of the letter W. If the Black Pawn is removed, White can mate in three ; and if White Pawns are omitted, also mate in three.

By GABRIEL G. NASRA
(Paris).

"Maximummer."

BLACK (5 pieces)



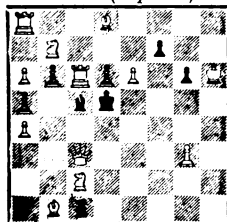
WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in four.

Narodni Osvobozeni.—First International Three-move Tourney. Unlimited entries ; joint compositions accepted. To be received by 31st May next by M. Kostal, Praba-Vinohrady Moravska 27, Czecho-Slovakia. Prizes : 600, 450, 300, 200, 100 and 50 Czecho Crowns Motto and sealed envelope arrangement to be observed. Judge : V. Cisar.

By W. LYON
(Ashton-in-Makerfield)

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

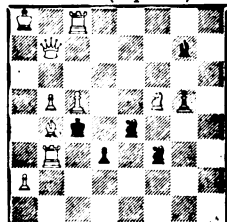
Mate in three.

"DAILY NEWS"
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DECEMBER, 1925.

PRIZE
PROBLEMS.

By C. MANSFIELD
(Bristol)

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in two.

The *Wiener Schachzeitung* is again running a Solvers' Problem Competition. Solvers have a month available, and are credited with marks for solutions, for proof of non-solutions, secondary keys, etc.; for two-ers only the key move is to be given; for three-ers, all variations up to White's second move; for four-ers up to the third move, etc. The points secured are carried forward, the leader each month being credited with four Marks, to be taken in chess books or as subscription, and then can start again. Thus every solver has a chance of gaining ultimately at least one prize.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (January) 2,547 to 2,550—(February) 2,551 to 2,554 inclusive.

* Dr. Tennant Bruce (215) 5-0-0-10 (230) 5-5-10-0 (250); R. W. Clark (Canada) (155); † A. T. Cannell (535) 5-10-10-0 (560) 5-5-20-0 (590); * W. H. Cutland (615) 5-0-0-10 (630) 5-5-20-20 (680); J. W. Davis (295); * J. C. Derlien (280) 5-10-10-10 (315) 5-5-20-0 (345); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) (180) 5-10-0-10 (205); J. Espinosaf (Barcelona) (70); A. Galbraith (160); † Albert H. Haddy (630) 5-10-10-10 (665) 5-5-20-20 (50); * Rev. F. D. O'D. Hoare (30); Iyer. N. N. Subramania (Malabar, India) (85); †† G. Stillingfleet Johnson (220) 5-10-10-10 (255) 5-5-20-20 (305); * N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (90 + 25 Dec.=115) 5-10-10-10 (150); † Frederick Lee (345) 5-10-10-10 (380) 5-5-20-20 (430); * J. A. Lewis (25) 5-10-10-10 (60) 5-5-20-20 (110); * Hubert Lees (130); T. N. R. Leistikow (285) D. Murray (360) 5-10-10-10 (395) 5-5-10-0 (415); * Johannes Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (395 + 25 Dec.=420) 5-10-10-10 (455) 5-5-20-20 (505); † A. Peacock (225) 5-10-10-0 (250) 5-5-10-0 (270); E. W. Punnett (360) 5-10-0-10 (385) 5-5-10-0 (405); T. Rosenfield (510); G. V. Sethapathy Rau (Madras) (55 + 30 Dec.=85); Rev. J. Schipper (380) 5-10-0-10 (405) 5-5-20-0 (435); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110); * "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (30) 5-10-10-10 (65); R. G. Tyzack (340) 5-10-10-10 (375) 5-5-20-0 (405); A. C. Vaughan (470) 5-10-10-10 (505) 5-5-20-0 (535); Rev. E. Wells (370) 5-10-10-10 (405) 5-5-10-0 (425); W. A. Way (Malay States) (465 + 30 Dec.=495); H. A. Warwell (190) 5-10-10-10 (225) 5-5-10-0 (245); G. Wilton (February) 5-5-10-0 (20).

The successes for January and February are respectively A. H. Haddy, who has been three times on top, and W. H. Cutland.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,551, by K. Nielsen.—1 Q—R 8. A smart idea accentuated by the defences of 1... Q—B 6 and Q—B 2, in the one case the Queen nullifies the guard of the Rook and in the other, that of the Bishop.

No. 2,552, by A. Ellerman.—1 K—B 4. A rather aggressive key, but the self-pinning of the Queen's Knight is a good feature. There are some good variations.

No. 2,553, by Dr. F. Rduch.—Author's key: 1 B—Kt 5. He evidently overlooked (as we did) the potency of 2 Q—K 1 ch, which accounts for 1 B—Q 2 and R 6 answering.

No. 2,554, by K. A. L. Kubbel.—1 R—B 2, B×R; 2 P—Q 3, R×P (If 2... Kt—Q 3; 3 Kt—B 6 dbl ch); 3 Q—Kt 4. If 1... P×R; 2 Q—B 7 ch, K×Kt; 3 Q×P ch. If 1... Kt—Q 3; 2 Kt—B 3 dbl ch, K—B 5; 3 B—K 6 ch. If 1... (threat); 2 Q—B 7 ch. A remarkably fine key to an ingenious design. It abounds in alluring tries, the most deceptive one which has caught a few solvers being 1 K—B 7. This is met by 1... P—Q 6.

By Dr. F. Rduch (p. 150).—1 R—K Kt 4, K×Kt; 2 P—Q 4 ch. If 1... Kt moves; 2 B—K 4 ch. If 1... P—B 4; 2 Kt×P. If 1... P×B; 2 Q—R 6. If 1... B moves; 2 Q—Kt 8 (×B). Although the key deprives the Black King of a move, this is quite difficult due chiefly to the quiet second moves, that after 1... P—B 4 being very good.

By K. A. L. Larsen (p. 153).—1 R—Kt 6. The key-move is fairly easy to find, but the after play with the peculiar discovered mates is cleverly worked out.

By K. Hannemann (p. 153).—1 Kt—Kt 4. The self-pinning of the Queen is not much of a feature here, seeing the suspended position of the Knight which makes the key. There are some neat effects in the play.

By F. Simhovici (p. 153).—1 Q—B 7. The scheme of this two-mover is shown in the Black Queen's defences, and in this respect it strikes us as rather original. It is a pity the Black Bishop is used as it restricts White's movements, but it seems to be useful to secure soundness.

By R. Hannemann (p. 153).—The White Rook at Q 1 should be a Bishop. 1 [Kt—K 2, P—B 3; 2 P×P. If 1... B—B 3; 2 B—B 2. If 1... P—B 3; 2 R—B 8. If 1... Kt—B 3; 2 R—K 3. If 1... B—K 8; 2 B—K 5. If 1... others; 2 R—B 5 ch. Black's occupancy of K B 3 produces some ingenious results, some of the play is not at all obvious. There is a deal of variety considering the White Queen is not used.

By L. Vetesnik (p. 153).—1 Q—K Kt 1, K×Q Kt; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1... K×K Kt; 2 Kt—B 3 ch. If 1... Kt—Kt 5 or B 8; 2 B—B 3 ch. If 1... Kt—B 6, P×P, etc.; 2 K Kt—B 6. The mating nets are a little familiar, but the general effects are produced skilfully.

By F. Simhovici (p. 153).—1 Q—Kt 4, P—R 6 (threat); 2 B—Q 3. If 1... Kt×P; 2 Q×B P ch. If 1... B—R 2; 2 Q—Kt 8 ch. If 1... Kt—K 3; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1... R×Q B P; 2 P×R. A nicely designed combination with a very satisfactory key-move, but what a dose of Pawns!

By E. Kadera (p. 153).—1 Q—Q 4, B×Q; 2 B—K 4. If 1... P×Q; 2 B—Q 3. If 1... R×Q; 2 B—Kt 6 or B 5. If 1... K×B; 2 Q×Q P ch, etc. If 1... others; 2 B—Kt 7 ch. Quite a tricky conceit, but comfortably solved, one reason being that the Queen must figure in the play and from a dramatic point 1 Q—Q 4 is so attractive!

By C. F. Haidik (p. 153).—1 Q—Q R 8, Kt—B 3; 2 Q—R 2. If 1... R—B 8; 2 Q—Q 5 ch. If 1... K—K 8; 2 Q—K 4 ch. If 1... R—Kt 6 or 7; 2 Q—R 1 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—B 3 ch. Quite a good variety of second moves by Queen, but they mostly lead to rather commonplace mates. Still it must be borne in mind White has only Queen and Rook to manipulate.

By J. Vasta (p. 153).—1 K—Kt 2, B×Kt; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. If 1... K Kt moves (×P); 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1... others; 2 R—Q 3 ch. The feature of this problem is the two pin models, which are rather unusual. The key is good and the threat uncommon, but there is not much variety.

By Howard and White (p. 154).—1 R—K B 4. A peculiar and amusing arrangement. Although the Queen functions only as a Bishop in the solution, she assists in misleading the solver, as after 1... P×R at Q B 4; 2 Q—Q 2 is a mate prepared.

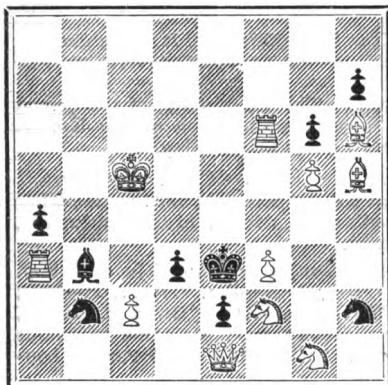
By C. H. Brockelbank (p. 155).—1 R—Kt 5, K—Kt 3; 2 B—B 5, K—B 4; 3 B—Kt 6 dis ch, K—Q 5; 4 R—B 5, Kt×K P mate. The "switchback" in this case is with Rook and Bishop. Without the Bishop at R 8 the following would answer: 1 R×P, K—Kt 3; 2 R—B 8, K—B 4; 3 R—B 5 ch, K—Q 5; 4 P—Kt 6.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,559.

By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE
(London).

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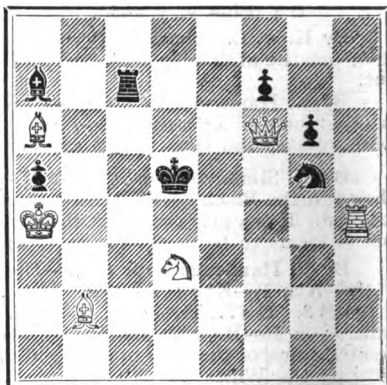
WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,560.

By GUIDO CRISTOFANINI
(Genoa).

BLACK (7 pieces)



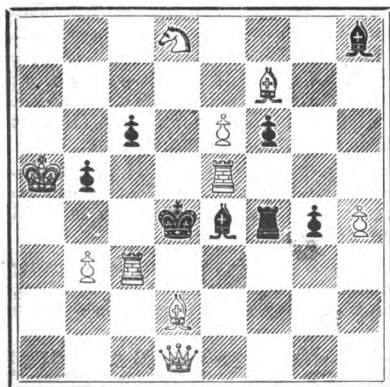
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,561.

By P. S. MILNER-BARRY
(Cambridge).

BLACK (8 pieces)



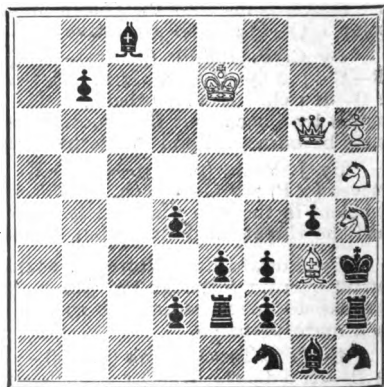
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,562.

By D. PRZEPIORKA
(Warsaw).

BLACK (14 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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WESTON CHESS FESTIVAL.



Some of the Competitors and Pressmen, taken before the opening of play.

The third biennial West of England Chess Congress was opened by Councillor E. S. Stradling, chairman of the Urban District Council, in the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday morning, April 3rd.

It will be recollected that the first congress, held in 1922, resulted in a brilliant victory for the veteran, J. H. Blake, against masters of international renown ; and the second, in 1924, was won by the young Dutch champion, Max Euwe, with a margin of half a point from Sir G. A. Thomas.

After a few words of welcome from the Chairman, play in all seven tournaments commenced punctually at 9-30 a.m.

The Major Open included six of those who had competed in 1924, the newcomers being the Belgian champion, Edgar Colle, who is well-known as a strong and resourceful player ; the ingenious Midlander, T. H. Tylor, who secured fourth prize in the B.C.F. Championship at Stratford last year ; his fellow club-member, H. E. Price, who has often shown to advantage in strong tournaments ; and the Hampstead player, M. E. Goldstein, who has held the championship of Middlesex for the past two seasons.

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FIRST ROUND, Saturday morning, April 3rd.

	Opening.	Result.
Colle v. Goldstein ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Goldstein won. (41).
Euwe v. Drewitt ..	<i>English Opening</i>	Euwe won (45).
Thomas v. Price ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Thomas won (30).
Blake v. Spencer ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Blake won (28).
Taylor v. Bolland ..	<i>Four Knights Game</i>	*Drawn (54).

* Adjourned.

Blake had the satisfaction of winning the first game in the tournament against Spencer, who developed his Q B prematurely at Q Kt 2, and on the 12th move made a bad mistake, giving Blake a Pawn and a very strong King-side attack.

GAME NO. 5,655.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK	
J. H. BLAKE	E. SPENCER	Q Kt 4 ? (P—K B 4 was necessary and would have given White a strong attack), B—Kt 4! 19 B×B, Q×B winning the K P.
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	
3 B—Kt 5	3 P—Q R 3	13 Q—Q 3 13 P—Kt 3
4 B—R 4	4 Kt—B 3	14 P—K R 4 14 Kt—K 3
5 Castles	5 B—K 2	15 Kt×Kt P! 15 B P×Kt
6 R—K 1	6 P—Q Kt 4	Of course, if 15... R P×Kt; 16 R×Kt.
7 B—Kt 3	7 Castles	
8 P—B 3	8 B—Kt 2	16 R×Kt 16 R—B 2
9 P—Q 4	9 Kt—Q R 4	17 P—R 5 17 Q—Q 2
10 B—B 2	10 P—Q 4	18 P×P 18 Q×R
11 Kt×P	11 Kt×P	19 P×R ch 19 Q×P
12 P—B 3	12 Kt—Kt 4 ?	20 B—R 6 20 Kt—B 5
.....A fatal blunder. In the 6th round against Price, Spencer played the better move 12... Kt—K B 3, and there followed 13 B—Kt 5, Kt—B 5; 14 P—Q Kt 3, Kt×Kt; 15 P×Kt; Kt—Q 2; 16 Q—Q 3, P—Kt 3; 17 B—R 6, R—K 1; 18 P—		21 P—Q Kt 3 21 Kt—Q 3
		22 Kt—Q 2 22 B—Q B 1
		23 P—K Kt 4 23 P—R 4
		24 K—Kt 2 24 P—Kt 5
		25 R—R 1 25 B—R 3
		26 P—Q B 4 26 R—Q 1
		27 B—K 3 27 P×P
		28 P×P Resigns

Price played the opening in indifferent form against Thomas, who secured the better game by a temporary Pawn sacrifice on the Queen-side. In an endeavour to neutralize this advantage by a counter demonstration on the other wing, Price allowed a Rook to be cut off, and as he could secure no more than a Pawn for it he resigned.

Drewitt conducted the opening in excellent style against Euwe, reaching an equal end-game after the moves 1 P—Q B 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 4 P—Q 4, P×P; 5 Kt×P, B—Kt 5; 6 Kt—B 2 (Réti advocates P—K Kt 3 at once), B×Kt ch; 7 P×B, P—Q 4!; 8 P×P, Q×P; 9 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 10 P—Kt 3, Castles; 11 B—Q 2, R—K 1; 12 B—Kt 2, Kt—B 3.

Soon an ending with only R, Kt and Pawns resulted, but Drewitt wasted a couple of moves with his King, which cost the draw, as the entry of Euwe's Knight decided the issue.

Colle's game with Goldstein furnished the surprise of the round. White obtained an advantage in the early stages of the game, and compelled the weakening advance of Black's K P and K B P, but instead of advancing on the King-side by P—K Kt 4 he weakened his Queen-side position, where Goldstein gradually obtained the advantage. Both players had an exciting race with the clock, in which Colle lost first a Pawn and then a piece.

Bolland adopted the difficult Metger variation of the Four Knights, and Tylor obtained the superior position, but failed to make the most of it. After that Bolland gave him no further chances, and an interesting end-game with only a Bishop and Pawns each was drawn shortly after the resumption of play.

SECOND ROUND, Saturday evening, April 3rd.

Opening.				Result.
Drewitt v. Colle	.. ..	<i>Alekhine's Defence</i>	.. ..	*Colle won (49).
Thomas v. Euwe	.. ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	.. ..	Euwe won (20).
Spencer v. Bolland	.. ..	<i>Nimzovitch's Defence</i>	.. ..	*Spencer won (72).
Price v. Blake	.. ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	.. ..	Price won (34).
Tylor v. Goldstein	.. ..	<i>Irregular Defence</i>	.. ..	Goldstein won (37).

* Adjourned.

Euwe adopted one of the Grünfeld variations of the King's Fianchetto Defence, and exerted considerable pressure on Thomas' weak Queen-side Pawns. On the 19th move, when there was still considerable resistance in his game Thomas lost a piece by a blunder—a sad blow to British hopes.

Blake, probably tired by the morning's game, played the opening very slackly and Price quickly won material, the game running 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, P—Q R 3; 4 B—R 4, Kt—B 3; 5 Castles, B—B 4; 6 P—B 3, B—R 2; 7 R—K 1, P—Q Kt 4?; 8 B—Kt 3, Castles; 9 P—Q 4, P×P; 10 P—K 5, Kt—K 1; 11 B—Kt 5, Kt—K 2; 12 P×P, P—R 3; 13 B—K R 4, P—Kt 4?; 14 B×P!, P×B; 15 Kt×P, Kt—Kt 2; 16 Kt×P, R×Kt; 17 B×R ch, K×B; 18 Q—B 3 ch, and wins.

Bolland also played the opening very weakly, and allowed Spencer to do as he pleased, so that White won the Exchange and a Pawn while retaining a strong grip on the position. He then relaxed his efforts and lost a couple of Pawns, and Bolland, putting up a very hard resistance, nearly escaped with a draw.

After some original opening play on both sides Tylor gained the advantage owing to the weakness of Goldstein's isolated Queen-side Pawns, and the latter, therefore, embarked upon a King-side attack which proved more effective than appeared at first sight. Tylor missed a chance to secure two Rooks for a Queen with advantage, and instead led into a lost end-game by exchanging Queens; in an attempt to avoid loss of material he fell into a Mate on the move.

Colle won a Pawn in the middle-game but was confronted with serious technical difficulties, having Rook, 2 Knights and 6 Pawns against Rook, 2 Bishops and 5 Pawns. He solved his problem in exemplary style, and at the adjournment had forced off one of Drewitt's Bishops, with a win in sight.

At the end of the first day's play, Euwe and Goldstein shared the lead with a score of 2, a whole point ahead of the rest of the field.

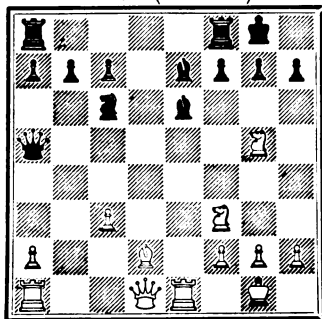
THIRD ROUND, Monday morning, April 5th.

	Opening.	Result.
Colle v. Price	<i>Rtti's Opening</i>	Colle won (43).
Euwe v. Spencer	<i>Two Knights' Defence</i>	Drawn (29).
Blake v. Thomas	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Blake won (63).
Bolland v. Goldstein ..	<i>English Opening</i>	Bolland won (41).
Drewitt v. Tylor	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Drewitt won (32).

* Adjourned.

Euwe gained no advantage whatsoever out of the opening, and by more accurate handling of the end-game with a Pawn ahead Spencer should have won. After Black's 13th move the annexed position was reached :—

BLACK (SPENCER)



WHITE (EUWE)

The continuation was :—

14 Q—Kt 1	14 B—K B 4
15 Q×P	15 Q—Kt 3
16 Q×Q	16 R P×Q
17 Kt—Q 4	17 Kt×Kt
18 P×Kt 4	18 B—B 3

.....Black has a clear advantage in the end-game.

19 Kt—B 3	19 P—B 4
20 B—K 3	20 P—Q Kt 4
21 Kt—K 5	21 R—R 5
22 Q R—Q 1	22 R×R P
23 P—Kt 4	23 B×Kt

.....23... B—B 7; 24 R—Q 2, B×Kt; 25 P×B, P—B 5 would perhaps win for Black despite Bishops of opposite colour.

24 Kt P×B	24 P×P
25 B×P	25 B×B
26 R×B	26 R—R 5

.....His last chance of doing anything was 26... R—R 2 and if 27 R—Q Kt 4, R—Kt 2.

27 R—Q 5	27 R—Q Kt 5
28 R—K 7	28 R—Kt 1
29 R—Kt 7	Drawn

Tylor on his 13th move rejected the chance of playing Kt×K P, which later analysis showed would in all probability have won for him, and Drewitt, after securing a strong Pawn at K B 6, won by some fine end-game play.

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WHITE	BLACK
J. A. J. DREWITT	T. H. TYLOR
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K Kt 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 B—Kt 2
4 P—K 4	4 P—Q 3
5 P—B 4	5 Castles

6 Kt—B 3	6 P—B 4!
7 P—Q 5	7 P—K 3
8 P×P	

Other moves also result in Black's favour according to the latest investigations.

9 P-K 5	8 P×P	21 P-R 3	21 Kt-B 7
10 Q×Q	9 P×P	22 R-K 5	22 Kt-Q 5
11 P×P	10 R×Q	23 B-Kt 2	23 Kt-B 3
12 B-Kt 5	11 Kt-Kt 5	24 R-Q 5	24 R×R
13 Kt-K 4	12 R-Q 2	25 P×R	25 Kt-K 4
	13 Kt-Q R 3?	26 P-B 4	26 Kt×P ch

.....Here 13.., Kt×K P
probably wins, although the play
is very intricate.

14 Kt-B 6 ch	14 B×Kt	Black has no longer a valid defence.	
15 P×B	15 P-K 4		
16 P-K R 3	16 P-K 5		
17 P×Kt	17 P×Kt	29 P-B 8 (Q) ch	28 K-Kt 2
18 P×P	18 Kt-Kt 5	30 R×P	29 K×Q
19 K-B 2	19 P-Kt 3	31 K-R 2	30 Kt-B 4 ch
20 R-K 1	20 B-Kt 2	32 R-Q 7	31 Kt-Q 3
			Resigns

Goldstein adopted a symmetrical form of the defence which yields White the initiative, and Bolland playing in fine style soon forced open the Q R file with a winning positional advantage on the Queen-side. Black could find no effective counter on the other wing, and lost a Pawn, the rest being a question of time.

Price made the mistake of playing his Q B P two squares instead of one, as a result of which he had "hanging Pawns" on Q 4 and Q B 4 which proved a welcome mark of attack for Colle's pieces. White later won one of the Pawns, and finished off the end-game by some neat play.

Thomas played the usual close form of the Morphy Defence to the Lopez with 5.., B-K 2, and a hard game left a blocked position at the adjournment which seemed likely to end in a draw, as whoever tried to win might easily lose.

FOURTH ROUND, Monday evening, April 5th.

Opening.				Result.	
Taylor v. Colle	.. ..	Queen's Pawn Game	.. ..	Colle won	(27).
Black v. Euwe	.. ..	Sicilian .. ..	.. ..	Euwe won	(38)
Thomas v. Bolland	.. ..	Queen's Pawn Game	.. ..	Thomas won	(27).
Spencer v. Goldstein	.. ..	Irregular Defence	.. ..	*Goldstein won	(67).
Drewitt v. Price	.. ..	Queen's Pawn Game	.. ..	Drawn	(26).

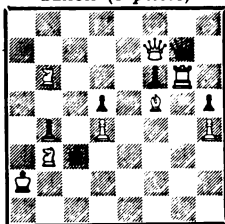
* Adjourned.

There was some unusual opening play in Thomas' game against Bolland, which ran 1 P-Q 4, P-Q 4; 2 Kt-K B 3, B-B 4; 3 P-B 4, P-K 3; 4 Kt-B 3, P-Q B 3; 5 P×P, K P×P; 6 B-B 4, Kt-B 3; 7 P-K 3, B-K 2; 8 B-Q 3, B×B; 9 Q×B, Castles; 10 Castles, Kt-R 4; 11 B-K 5, P-B 4; 12 P-Q R 3, Kt-Q 2; 13 P-Q Kt 4, P-Q R 3; 14 Kt-Q R 4, P-Q Kt 4; 15 Kt-B 5, Kt×Kt; 16 Q P×Kt, and White broke through on the Queen-side and established a strong passed Q Kt P, which won in a few moves.

Taylor obtained a very good position against Colle, but in an attempt to force matters he sacrificed a piece for a promising attack, overlooking that his opponent had prepared a defensive resource which left Taylor a piece down without any compensation.

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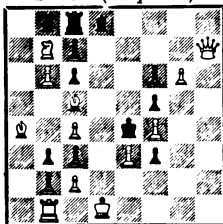
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WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

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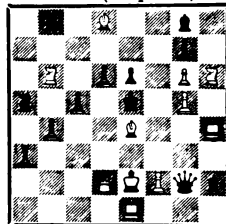
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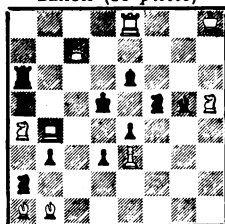
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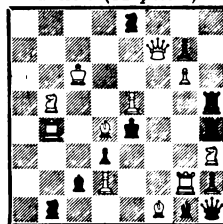
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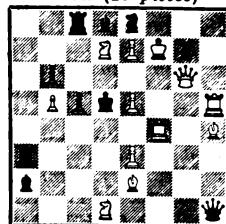
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WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

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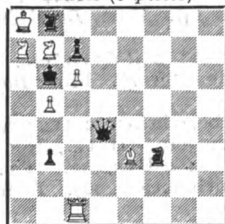
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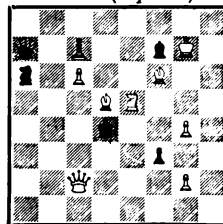
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WHITE (7 pieces)
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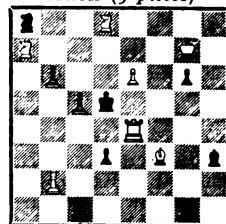
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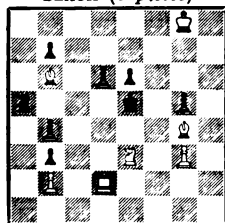
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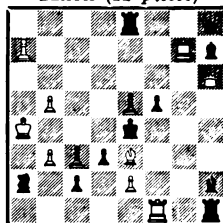
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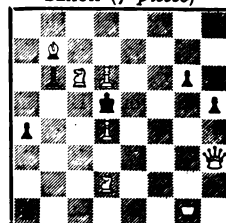
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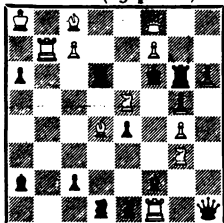
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DUTCH EAST INDIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION SECOND INTERNATIONAL
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First Prize.

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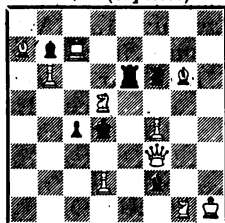
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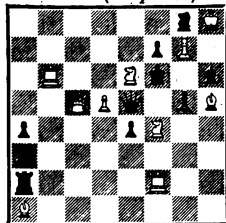
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Third Prize.

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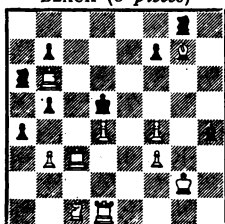
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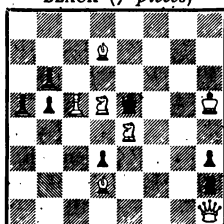
Hon. mentions : J. van Dijk, A. Ellerman and Tan Hein Yan.

Three-Movers.

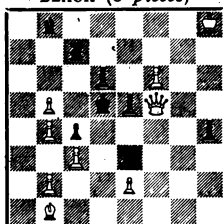
First Prize.

By K. HANNEMANN.
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Second Prize.

By L. VETESNIK.
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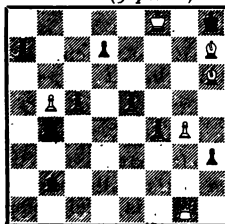
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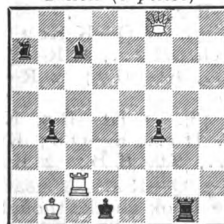
Hon mentions : K. Hannemann, Dr. F. Rduch (2).

"NARODNI POLITIKA" FOURTH TOURNEY (1925).

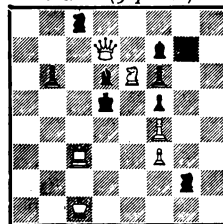
First Prize.

E. KADERA.
BLACK (9 pieces)WHITE (6 pieces)
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Second Prize.

By C. F. HAIDIK.
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Mate in three.

Third Prize.

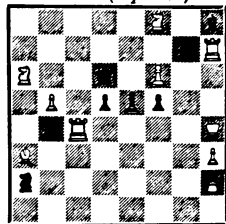
By J. VASTA.
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Mate in three.

Hon. mentions : J. Charholons, J. Kotrc, V. Kadera and J. Hazlar.

When recording the result of the Tourney in memory of the late G. Guidelli, taken from *L'Alfiere di Re*, we intended to quote the clever two-mover, now given, which was dedicated to those who participated in the competition. As presented by our Palermo contemporary it might appear as being the unaided work of the Judge, Mr. A. C. White, whereas it is the joint composition of that distinguished problemist and our esteemed contributor, Mr. Kenneth S. Howard, of Rochester, New York.

By Kenneth S. Howard
and Alain C. White.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in two.

SOLUTIONS

No. 2,543, by W. E. Caine.—1 Q—K R 1. A nice straightforward block two-mover made interesting by a sacrificial key and the reply to 1..., Kt—Kt 5.

No. 2,454, by K. Sypniewski.—1 Kt—B 2. Rather unusual in idea and construction; the variety is small compared with the White force used. The mates after 1..., P—K 6 and P×Kt are good.

No. 2,545, by R. Kintzig.—1 Kt—B 5, P×Q; 2 R—K 6. If 1..., P—K 4, 2 R×Q P ch. If 1..., B—Kt 2, 2 R—K 5 ch. If 1..., others; 2 R—K 6. The quiet second move tends to make this a little difficult, though the best continuation is probably after 1..., B—Kt 2. The White King's Rook's Pawn saves an obvious cook.

No. 2,546, by B. G. Laws.—Solved in two by 1 R—B 4.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 46).—1 K—B 3, Q—B 6 ch; 2 K—Kt 4. If 1..., Q—Kt 2 ch, 2 Kt—B 6 dbl ch. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 Q—K 1 ch. If 1..., Q×B, 2 Kt—B 6 ch.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 46).—1 K—R 7, Kt (B 7) moves dis ch, Q—R 3 or 4 or R—K 8. 2 Kt—K 3. If 1..., P Queens ch, 2 Kt—R 5. If 1..., R—Kt 8, 2 Kt—Kt 2. If 1..., R—K 8, 2 Kt—Q 2. If 1..., B or Q—R 7, 2 Kt—Q 6.

By N. K. Malakhoff (p. 46).—1 K—K 7, K×Kt (Q 3); 2 B—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., K×Kt (Q 5), 2 B—Kt 3 ch. If 1..., Q B P moves, 2 Kt—Kt 6 ch. If 1..., Kt—B 2, 2 Kt(Q 3)×P. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—K 5 ch.

By K. Nielsen (p. 46).—1 R—R 6, P×R; 2 Q—Kt 4. If 1..., R×R, 2 Q—Kt 7. If 1..., others; 2 R×R ch.

By J. Scheel (p. 46).—1 Q—B 7, K×Kt; 2 B—Kt 7 ch. If 1..., Kt×Kt, 2 Kt—B 5 ch. If 1..., Kt—B 5; 2 B×Kt. If 1..., Kt else or P—Q 3; 2 P—Q 3 ch. If 1..., P—Q 4; 2 Q×Kt ch.

By K. S. Howard (p. 46).—1 Q—B 3 fails after 1..., Kt—B 8; 2 Q—B 5, Q—Kt 3.

By J. Scheel (p. 47).—1 P—Q 4, R×P; 2 P×R. If 1..., K—Q 6; 2 Q—Kt 2. If 1..., others; 2 R—R 2.

By K. A. K. Larsen (p. 47).—1 Q—K Kt 2, K—Q 5; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1..., Q R—Q 5; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1..., K R—Q 5; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch. If 1..., Kt×R; 2 B×Kt ch. If 1..., Kt—B 7; 2 R—B 2 dis ch. If 1..., others; 2 R—B 3 dis ch.

By H. M. Prideaux (p. 48).—1 Kt—B 5, K×Q Kt; 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1..., K×K Kt; 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1..., K—Q 6; Kt—B 4 ch. If 1..., Kt×Q B; 2 Q—K 3 ch (threat). If 1..., Kt×K B; 2 Kt—Q 6 (threat).

By A. Mosely (p. 50).—1 Q—R 4. A neat idea artistically expressed. The change-mate to meet the Rook check, though not new, is nicely blended with the other features.

By Dr. O. T. Blathy (p. 50).—We give the solution of this remarkable position as printed on his Christmas card. By using the algebraic notation space is saved.

1 R f8†, K×f8; 2 Q b4†, K g8; 3—5 Q c4—c5—d5†; 6 R f7†; 7 R×c7†; 8 R f7†; 9 R×b7†; 10 R f7†; 11 R×a7†; 12 R f7†; 13 R b7†; 14 S e6†, S×e6 (K g8; 15 S×g5†; 16 R f7†, K g8; 17 R h7†; 18 R×h8†); 15 Q d6†; 16 Q×e6†; 17 Q e7†; 18 Q×g5†; 19 Q×f5†; 20—28 Q e6—d6—d5—c5—c4—b4—b3—a3—a2†; 29 Q×f2†; 30—40 Q a2—a3—b3—b4—c4—c5—d5—d6—e6—f5—g4†; 41—52 Q f5—e6—d6—d5—c5—c4—b4—b3—a3—a2—f2×g2†; 53—59 Q f1—c4—c5—d5—d6—e6—e7†, K g8; 60 R×b8, P h1Q†; 61 K b2, D h2† (Q g7; 62 Q×e8†, K h7; 63 R b7, or A); 62 S c2, Q×c2†; 63 K×c2, Q g2†; 64 K b3, Q g3† (Q f3†; 65 K b4); 65 K a2, Q f2† (B); 66 R b2, B f7† (Q f7†; 67 Q×Q†, B×Q†; 68 K b1); 67 K a3, Q e3†; 63 Q d4†; 69 R b4, Q a1† (Q d1; 70 K a5, Q d5†; 71 K b6); 70 K b5, Q f1†; 71 K a5, Q a1†; 72 K b6, Q g1†; 73 Q c5, Q g6†; 74 K b7 and wins, *e.g.*, Q e6 (P e3, 75 P a7); 75 Q c8†, Q×Q† (K g7; 76 Q×Q, B×Q; 77 K c6); 76 K×c8, B d5; 77 B b7, K f8 (P e3, 78 R e7); 78 P a7. White began by giving 59 checks, then came Black's turn with a series of 14 checks, but this only delayed the fatal end.

(A) 61.—Q g2†; 62 S c2, Q h g7; 63 Q×e8†, K h7; 64 Q h5†, Q h6; 65 R b7†.

(B) 65.—Q g2†; 66 K a3, Q g3†; 67 R b3, Q g6; 68 K b2, Q g2† (B f7; R b8†, and if 68.—P e3; 69 R b8, Q g2†; 70 K a3); 69 K c3, Q g3† (Q f3†; 70 K b4); 70 K c4, Q g6 (B f7†; 71 Q×B†; 72 R×Q); 71 R g3!, Q×g3; 72 Q×e8†, K g7; 73 Q d7†, K g6; 74 Q d6†, K h5; 75 P a7, Q g8† (Q f2; 76 P a8Q, Q c2†; 77 K b5, Q e2†; 78 K c6, Q c2†; 79 K d7); 76 Q d5, Q c8†; 77 K b5, Q e8†; 78 Q c6, Q f7; 79 P a8Q, Q b3†; 80 K c5, Q c2†; 81 K d6, Q†; 82 K c7.

No. 2,547, by E. Boswell.—1 Kt×P. The key gives two flights, but is discounted by the fact of its pinning the Bishop and makes a capture. The four defences lead to pretty and unusual effects.

No. 2,548, by W. Langstaff.—1 P—Kt 4, R×Kt (threat); 2 R—B 5 ch. If 1..., R—R 4; 2 R—K 3. If 1..., K—K 5; 2 Q—K 6. This has proved a rather difficult problem to solve and we know it was troublesome to get sound. The variety is not considerable, but the play is good and the models nice.

No. 2,549, by K. S. Howard.—1 B—B 5, threatening 2 P—K 4 ch. If 1..., Q—K 6; 2 P—B 4 ch. If 1..., B—K 6; 2 Kt×Q. If 1..., P×P, Q or R—Q 6; 2 P—K 4 ch. Though requiring a large number of men, this is a very ingenious three-mover and the four mates of the Queen are unexpected.

No. 2,549, by Dr. F. Rduch.—1 Q—Q 8, K×Kt P; 2 Q—K 8 ch. If 1..., B×P; 2 Kt—R 4 ch. If 1..., Kt—K 2; 2 Q×K Kt. If 1..., P×P; 2 R×P ch. If 1..., others; 2 P×P. A very clever combination, among other features a diagonal and lateral model mate. The key is a nice one and the threat with a model Knight mate is a pleasing point.

By G. Hume (p. 106).—1 B—K B 6.

By G. Hume (p. 106).—The Black Queen at Q 2 should be the Black King.—1 R—Q R 1, Q—K 5 or Kt×P; 2 Kt—K 6. If 1..., Kt—K 5 or Q×Q BP 2 Kt—B 7. If 1..., others; 2 Q×P ch.

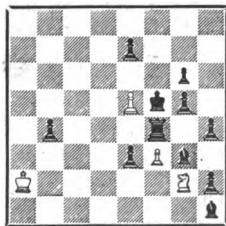
By G. Hume (p. 106).—1 R—Kt 4, B—R 2; 2 Q—B 8 ch, K—Q 4; 3 P—B 4 ch, P×P *e.p.*; 4 K—B 2 dis ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—K 7 ch, K—Q 4; 3 Q—K 4 ch, K—B 4; 4 R—B 4 ch.

By C. H. Brockelbank (p. 106).—1 R—R 5 ch, K—Kt 3; 2 P—Kt 5, K—B 4; 3 P—Kt 6 dis ch, K—Q 5; 4 R—K B 4.

By C. H. Brockelbank (p. 106).—A Black Bishop was omitted through an oversight, not the author's, at K R 8. We reprint it in the margin. This Black Bishop is required to prevent a rather ingenious cook.

By C. H. Brockelbank.—1 R—Kt 5, K—Kt 3; 2 Kt—B 5, K—B 4; 3 Kt—Kt 3 dis ch, K—Q 5; 3 R—K B 4. Here we have a "switchback" with Rook and Knight.

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)

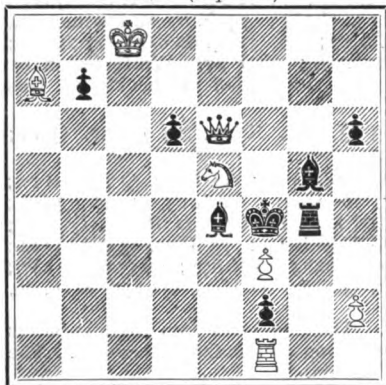
Black to play and help White to mate in four.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,555.

By F. S. TUCKER
(Bristol).

BLACK (8 pieces)



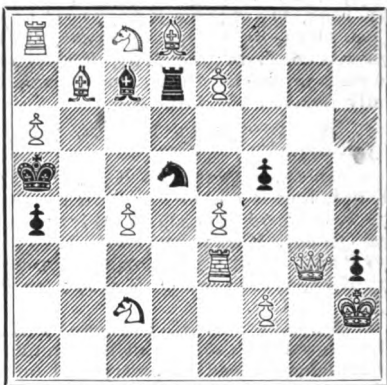
WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,556.

By BRIAN HARLEY.
(London).

BLACK (7 pieces)



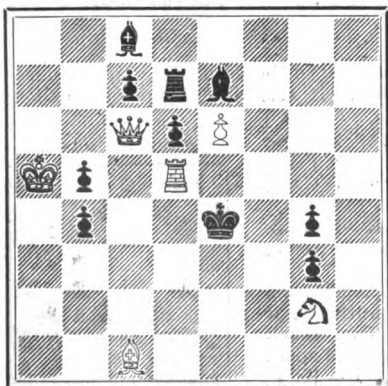
WHITE (13 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,557.

By S. GREEN.
(London).

BLACK (10 pieces)



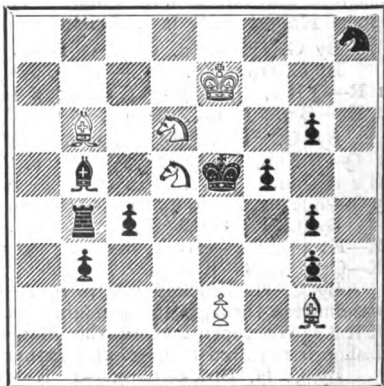
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,558.

By B. G. LAWS.
(London).

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.



Photo.

Theo. J. Gidden, Southport

R. P. MICHELL

Champion of the City of London Chess Club, 1925-6

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MR. R. P. MICHELL.

Mr. R. P. Michell, the new champion of the City of London Chess Club, needs very little introduction to chess players. His reputation is international and had he made chess his life study, there is little doubt he would have reached the highest planes. His work at the Admiralty, however, has been so strenuous—especially during the war—that it is wonderful that he has retained his form at chess at all. Born at Penzance in the 'seventies, he joined the local club at the age of 15 and soon gave promise of first-class strength. On coming to London he joined first the Metropolitan Club, winning the championship in 1897, and soon after the City of London, where he has played year after year in the championship—six times second, and always near the top, but never till now actually first. He played for West London in the "A" Division of the London Chess League from 1900 to 1920. He was selected to play for England in the Cable Match *v.* America in 1901, when he beat C. S. Howell, but in the following year the Brooklyn player avenged this defeat. In 1903 he beat C. J. Newman, but in 1907 and 1908 was beaten by Howell and Wolbrecht respectively. In the last two of these contests he drew his games, L. B. Meyer being his opponent in each case. Altogether a fine record in which he did his full share in winning the trophy permanently for Great Britain. He has played for the British Championship on most occasions since its institution in 1904, and has been second, third, fourth, and sometimes lower. Several times he has beaten H. E. Atkins (very finely at Southport in 1924) but has never ousted him from his title.

Further successes were the British Amateur Championship in 1902, and first prize in Brighton Open Tournament, 1904, while in 1914 in a match against Holland his game was awarded the brilliancy prize.

The Victory Tournament at Hastings in 1919 saw him selected to play in the premier event, where his game, with Capablanca was considered the best effort against the famous Cuban.

In 1922 he won the Major Open Tournament at the London International Congress with a score of 8, playing some splendid games against the picked representatives of Bavaria, Roumania, Scandinavia, Italy, and Belgium, not to mention his redoubtable countrymen: Blake, Scott, and E. G. Sergeant.

1923 raised him to the level of the best foreign masters, for he tied for second place in a tournament which included Alekhine, Bogoljuboff, Reti, and Grunfeld.

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In 1925 he received an invitation to play in the Master Tournament at Marienbad, where his final position was a lowly one. But the quality of the chess he played made it quite obvious that greater experience of events like this, and a few days rest from his civil duties before their commencement would enable him to rub shoulders with the best. He drew with Marshall, Torre and Grunfeld, and beat Przepiorka and Haida.

Always courteous and unassuming, Mr. Michell is one of the most delightful personalities, while Mrs. Michell is not only one of the best of the lady players, but is an organiser of great ability, who has spent many hours arranging functions in the interests of the clubs with which she has been connected.

CITY OF LONDON CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

GASTINEAU CUP TOURNAMENT, 1925-26.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	T'l.
1	R. P. Michell	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9½
2	J. H. Blake	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
3	W. Gooding	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8½
4	E. G. Sergeant	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
5	R. C. J. Walker	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
6	E. T. Jesty	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6½
7	H. Saunders	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6½
8	V. Buerger	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
9	V. L. Wahltech	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
10	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5½
11	F. F. L. Alexander	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
12	H. B. Uber	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
13	H. S. Barlow	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4½
14	Herbert Jacobs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

The first prize is the cup for the year, the championship medal and ten guineas.
J. M. Bee and J. P. Savage scratched through illness.

City of London Chess Club.—The following are the first prize winners in the tournaments now finished, viz.: Gastineau Cup and Championship Medal, R. P. Michell; Neville Hart Cup, E. Scam, Mocatta Cup, E. M. Lane; Russell Cup, J. R. Napier; Barrett Cup, W. C. Walker; Murton Cup Handicap, J. H. Blake. The prizes range from ten guineas to two guineas.

Easter Congress at Weston-super-Mare.—There are still a few vacancies in the events at this important meeting and intending competitors should write at once to J. D. Howell, 22 Beach Road, Weston.

The Major Open Tournament will include Max Euwe, Sir George Thomas, E. Spencer, T. H. Tylor and Edgard Colle (Belgian champion), and there will be no better place than the sunny Western resort for chess players at Easter.

CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

CLUES ACROSS.

1. Do this carefully before making a sacrifice.
4. One of the men.
8. Don't swear when it breaks.
10. What Tournament conductors are always saying.
11. Satisfies neither player.
12. Your opponent.
13. Much played opening.
14. Do it if you are tired of trying to solve this.
15. What your solution should be to win the prize.
16. Continent where chess originated.
18. A gambit (abbrev.).
19. A branch of the Giuoco.
21. Initials of continental chess master.
22. A piece.
23. Initials of a great continental master.

1	2		3	4	5	6	7
8		9			10		
11					12		
13					14		
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19						20	
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	25		26				

25. A way of writing name of a piece
26. Inconvenient restriction.

CLUES DOWN.

1. Initials of three pieces (Ger.).
2. Well-known defence.
3. The opening we all want to discover.
4. An opening difficult for routine players.
5. Dropped on the board by a careless player.
6. The move.
7. Stalemate (two words).
9. A champion (first half of name).
13. Dutch player.
14. What you feel when next clue down occurs.
17. Result of chess blindness.
20. Initials of an English champion.
22. Another piece.
24. Initials of a continental master.

(All the players mentioned are now living).

A prize of a Pocket Chess Board will be given for the *first* correct solution received by Mrs. E. Michell, 26 Alexandra Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey.

VILLAGE SCHOOL CHESS ACTIVITIES.

MOST FLOURISHING IN THE BRITISH ISLES.

The Chess activities of the boys of Maltby Council School, Rotherham, are almost unique amongst the elementary schools of this country, both in the extent of their work and in the numbers of boys who take part.

Started as an experiment about two years ago, it has grown beyond all expectations, and it can safely be said there is not another school in Yorkshire—and probably not in the British Isles—where the championship of the school attracts an entry of 60 players. This tourney was begun in 1924, when about 20 boys participated, the numbers have steadily increased each term, each attracting more entrants than the one before. The last three competitions have been remarkable from the fact that the same two boys have figured in the final each time—C. Bagshaw and L. Hopkinson, and C. Bagshaw has defeated his rival each time.

Much of the success of the boys' efforts is due to the interest and encouragement shown by the Rev. C. E. Hughes, the Vicar of Maltby, himself a keen player and the founder of the Maltby Chess Club.

The boys made, and still continue to play on, boards made by themselves during their handwork lessons: they even went so far as to carve out a set of men from some stiff cardboard before sufficient funds were available to buy sets.

Chess, though such an institution at this up-to-date school, does not in any way interfere with more active games: in fact, the two leading chess lights are both players in the school football team, which has not lost a match or had a goal scored against it in the local schools' football league.

Our best thanks to Mr. Horsfield for supplying these facts.

RANDOM SUGGESTIONS, No. 20.

NOTES ON THE KIESERITZKY GAMBIT. BY STASCH MLOTKOWSKI.

1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, P×P; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 4; 4 P—K R 4, P—Kt 5; 5 Kt—K 5.

I.

- 5 Kt—K B 3
- 6 P—Q 4
P—Q 3
- 7 Kt—Q 3
Kt×P
- 8 B×P
Q—K 2
- 9 Q—K 2
Kt—Q B 3 (a)
- 10 P—B 3
B—B 4 (b)
- 11 Kt—R 3 (c)
Castles
- 12 Castles
P—K R 4 (d)

II.

- 5 B—Kt 2
- 6 Kt×P
P—Q 4
- 7 P—Q 4
P×P
- 8 B×P
Q×P
- 9 Q×Q
B×Q
- 10 P—B 3
B×Kt
- 11 P×B
Kt—Q B 3
- 12 B—Q Kt 5
Castles
- 13 B×Kt
P×B
- 14 Castles K R
P—B 3 (e)
- 15 B—K 3 (f)
Kt—K 2
- 16 Kt—B 3
P—K B 4 (g)

NOTES.

(a) 9... B—Kt 2 is the accepted move; then 10 P—B 3, P—K R 4; 11 P—K Kt 3, P—Q 4; 12 B—Kt 2, B—K 3; 13 Kt—B 5, this last being a suggestion of Rubinstein's. Black would do well to vary with... Kt—K B 3 on either his 10th or 11th moves. 9... Kt—K B 3 may also be played.

(b) Black could play ... Kt—K B 3 here too.

(c) If 11 Kt—Q 2, Kt×Kt. Or 11 P—K Kt 3, Castles, and 12 B—Kt 2 is answered by ... Kt×Kt P. Or 11 P—Q 5, Kt—Kt 1; 12 Kt—R 3, Kt—K B 3.

(d) Black threatens ... B—R 3, and not only holds the Pawn, but has even a slight advantage in position.

(e) Book is here ... P—K R 4 so as to protect the King's Pawn with King's Bishop's Pawn in reply to Kt—B 3, and have an escape for his Rook should White play B—K 5.

(f) If 15 P—Q 5, P×P. Or 15 Kt—B 3, R×P; 16 B—K 3, R—Q 6; 17 B×P, P—K B 4.

(g) Black holds the Pawn. White may make a struggle for the draw, aided by Bishops of opposite colours.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS.

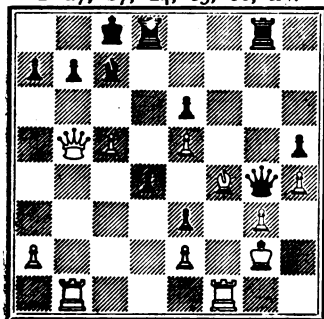
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Readers will have probably discovered for themselves that the Problems on Openings last month should have been numbered 23 and 24, not 21 and 22. In No. 24 White's fourteenth move should have been 14 B—Q6, not B—Q3.

The solutions of Competition Problems No. 1 and No. 2 are as follows, and my work both on them and on readers' solutions have been considerably lightened by the help of the gentleman who has so kindly presented the prizes. The problems in question I once more repeat.

COMPETITION PROBLEM NO. 1.
After many errors by both players the following position was reached.

BLACK (11 pieces)
K c8; Q g4; R d8, g8; B c7;
P a7, b7, d4, e3, e6, h5.



WHITE (11 pieces)
K g2; Q b5; R b1, f1; B f4;
P a2, c5, e2, e5, g3, h4.

Black to play.

The possible continuations are: (a) 1... P—Q6; (b) 1... Q R—K1; (c) 1... R—Kt2; (d) 1... K R—B1; (e) 1... R—Q4; (f) 1... R—Q2; (g) 1... Q R—B1; (h) 1... P—Kt3.

(a) Is best, followed closely by (b) and (c), (d) and (e), are better than any of the remaining three. I have not space to go into all. (a) 1... P—Q6 is best, because it is an attacking line. There follows 2 P×P, P—K7; 3 Q×P ch, K—Q2; 4 R—B3, P—K8=Kt ch; 5 R×Kt, R—Kt1; 6 P—B6 ch, K—Q1; 7 B—Kt5 ch, R×B; 8 R—B8 ch, K—K2; 9 Q×B ch, K×R; 10 Q×R ch, K moves; 11 P×R and wins. An alternative is 6... K—K1; 7 Q×B, R—Kt7 ch; 8 K—Kt1, Q×R; 9 Q—Q7 ch, K—B1; 10 B—R6, R—Kt2; 11 Q×R, K—K1; 12 Q—Q7 mate. If 4... R—Kt1; 5 P—B6 ch, K—Q1; 6 B—Kt5 ch, Q×B; 7 Q×R ch, B×Q; 8 P×Q, B×P; 9 R—K1, K—B2; 10 R×P, R×P; 11 P—Q4, B×P; 12 R×P. If 2... Q—K7 ch; 3 K—Kt1, and Black must play either 3... Q—Kt5 or R—Kt2.

Black has at least four (perhaps more) lines to consider seriously.

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result in all of the best lines Black may follow.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS.

(1) The Black King must be prevented from reaching K1.

(2) Black must keep K3 guarded.

(3) The capture of White K P is not of vital importance to White, but if Black Q can get to Q B5, it may cause trouble.

If (b). 1... Q R-K 1; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 1; 3 R-B 3! R-Kt 2; 4 R-Kt 4, B×P; 5 R×P ch, B×R; 6 Q-R 8 ch, K-K 2; 7 B-Q 6 ch, K-Q 2; 8 Q-Kt 7 ch, K-Q 1; 9 Q-Kt 8 ch, K-Q 2; 10 Q-B 7 mate. If 6... K-Q 2; 7 Q-Kt 7 ch, K-Q 1; 8 Q-Kt 8 ch, K-K 2; 9 B-Q 6 ch, K-Q 2; 10 Q-B 7 mate. If 2... K-Q 2; 3 P-B 6 ch, K-Q 1; 4 R-B 3.

(c) 1... R-Kt 2 (one of Black's best defensive lines); 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 Q-Kt 5 ch, K-K 2; 4 Q-B 6! (B-Kt 5 ch is wrong, because of R×B in reply. If then 5 P×R, B×P), Q×K P ch; 5 K-Kt 1, R-Q 2; 6 R-Kt 7, K-Q 1; 7 R×B, R×R; 8 B-Kt 5 ch, R×B; 9 R-B 8 ch, K-K 2; 10 Q-K 8 mate.

(d) If 1... K R-B 1; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 Q-Kt 5 ch, K-B 1; 4 P-B 6, R-Q 4; 5 Q-Kt 7 ch, K-Q 1; 6 Q-R 8 ch, K-K 2; 7 B-Kt 5 ch, etc.

(e) If 1... R-Q 4; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 1; 3 B-Kt 5 ch, R×B; 4 Q-R 8 ch, K-K 2; 5 Q-B 8 ch, K-Q 2; 6 R-B 7 ch, R-B 3; 7 Q-R 8 ch, K×P; 8 R×B mate.

(f) If 1... R-Q 2; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 1; 3 B-Kt 5 ch.

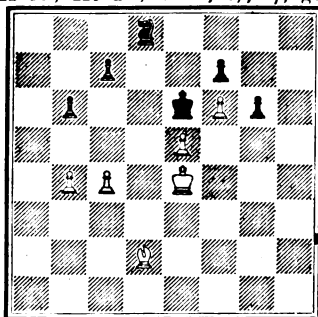
(g) If 1... Q R-B 1; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 1; 3 B-Kt 5 ch.

(h) If 1... P-Kt 3; 2 P-B 6, Q R-B 1; 3 Q-R 6 ch, K-Q 1; 4 B-Kt 5 ch, R×B; 5 R×R ch, K-K 2; 6 Q-R 3 ch, B-Q 3; 7 Q×B mate. If 2... Q R-K 1; 3 Q R-Q 1, R-Kt 2; 4 Q-R 6 ch, K-Q 1; 5 R×P ch, K-K 2; 6 B-Kt 5 ch, R×B; 7 R-Q 7 mate.

COMPETITION PROBLEM No. 2.
After White's 41st move the following position was reached

DEMONSTRATE what, in your opinion, should be the result.

BLACK (6 pieces)
K e6; Kt d8; P b6, c7, f7, g6.



WHITE (6 pieces)
K e4; B d2; P b4, c4, e5, f6.

Black to play.

Kt 3, Kt-B 1; 7 B-R 2, Kt-Kt 3; 8 B-Kt 3, Kt-R 5; 9 B-R 2, Kt-B 4; 10 B-Kt 1, P-Kt 5; 11 K-B 4, P-Kt 6; 12 K-K 4, Kt-Q 5.

If 5 P×P, P×P; 6 B-Kt 3, Kt-Kt 3; 7 K-Q 3, K-B 4; or 6 B-K 3, Kt×K P; 7 B×P, Kt×P; 8 B-Q 4, P-Kt 4. If 3 P-Kt 5, Kt-Q 2; 4 B-Q 4, P-Kt 4; 5 B-B 3, P-Kt 5; 6 K-B 4, P-Kt 6; 7 K×P, Kt×P; 8 P-B 5, P×P; 9 B-R 5,

Black wins. The main line is as follows: 1... Kt-B 3; 2 B-B 3, Kt-Kt 1; 3 B-Q 2, Kt-Q 2; 4 B-B 4, P-B 4; 5 P-Kt 5, P-Kt 4; 6 B-R 2, Kt-B 1; 7 B-Kt 3, Kt-Kt 3; 8 B-R 2, Kt-R 5; 9 B-Kt 3, Kt-B 4; 10 B-R 2, P-Kt 5; 11 B-B 4, Kt-Q 5; 12 B-K 3, P-Kt 6.

If 11 K-B 4, P-Kt 6; 12 B-Kt 1, Kt-Q 5; 13 B×Kt, P×B; 14 K×P, K×P.

If 6 B×P, Kt×P; 7 B-B 4, Kt×P; 8 B-B 7, K-Q 2; 9 B moves, Kt-Q 3. Or 6 B-

P-B 6; or if 3 P-B 5, P×P; 4 P×P, P-B 3; 5 B-Kt 2, Kt-Q 2; 6 B-Q 4, P-Kt 4; 7 B-K 3, P-Kt 5; 8 B-Q 4, P-Kt 6; 9 K-B 3, P-Kt 7; 10 K×P, Kt×P.

ANSWERS TO SOLVERS: "A.M."—In 1, after 1., P-Q 6; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 P×P, K-K 1; 4 Q-B 6 ch, R-Q 2 is much better than K-B 2. After 1., P-Kt 3; 2 P-B 6, Q R-B 1; 3 Q-R 6 ch, K-Q 1; 4 Q-Kt 7 is better than B-Kt 5 ch. And on 1., Q×RP; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 R-Kt 4 is White's best move, not P-B 6 ch. Attempt at No. 2 is poor. White should play 4 B-Q 2 in your variation, not B-Q 4. "Clare"—After 1., P-Q 6 White must capture the Pawn either on 2nd or 3rd move. Your continuations for Black, after 1., P-Kt 3 or 1., Q R-B 1 are also weak. Your effort in 2 is better. In your first variation, however, White should play 6 B-R 2 not B-Kt 3. In 2, after 1., P-K Kt 4 White must not take the Pawn. "Pussycat"—You failed in 2. If 1., Kt-B 3; 2 B-R 3, P-K Kt 4; 3 P-Kt 5, Kt-Kt 1; 4 P-B 5, P×P; 5 B-R 5, P-B 3; 6 P-Kt 6, Kt-Q 2! White cannot stop all three threats, Kt×K P, P-B 5, etc., P-Kt 5, etc. "Sirius"—In 1 the answer to 1., Q×RP; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2 is 3 R-Kt 4. You move B-Kt 5 ch too early in most of your variations. In 2 the Bishop at move 4 must go to Q 2. "Hotchpot"—In your variations 1., R-Kt 2; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 B-Kt 5, Q×P ch! 4 any, Q-B 5. Black only loses the Exchange, and has two powerful passed Pawns. 1., Q-Kt 2; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 Q-Kt 5 ch, K-B 1; 4 P-B 6, B-Kt 2. "Cradock"—Am afraid most of your variations to No. 1 are incorrect, but I can see you have worked hard at them. No. 2 you have not studied sufficiently carefully to get best moves on both sides. "Wifilé"—Your solutions are not carried far enough. After 1., R-Q 2; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 1; 3 Q-R 8 ch, K-K 2; 4 B-Kt 5 ch, Q×B! And if 1., P-Q 6; 2 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 3 P-B 6 ch, K-K 1; 4 Q-Kt 4, Q×P ch; 5 K-Kt 1, R-B 1 and how can White win? In No. 2 you do not try to win for Black. "Ostree"—In your first variation Black would play 2., B-B 2. In the second 3., R-Kt 2 followed by 4., Q×P ch and 5 P-Q 7 with sufficient compensation for the Bishop. After 1., P-Q 6; 2 P×P, P-K 7; 3 Q×P ch, K-Q 2; 4 R-B 3 must be played. "Knowsley"—In variation I, 4 Q-Kt 7; II, 4 Q-B 6; III, 6 R-B 7 ch; IV, 3 R-Kt 4 are the correct moves for White. In No. 2, if 1., P-B 3; 2 P-Kt 5, forces P-B 4, and now Black can only draw. "Cic"—Not equal to some of your efforts at Senior problems. "G.M.A."—In variation I, 4 Q-R 8 ch; II, 3 B-Kt 4; III, 3 B-Kt 5 ch; IV, 5 R-Q 1 are the right moves. Attempt at No. 2 is poor. "Fulano de Tal"—Variation I, 2 P-B 6; III (b), 3 Q×B; IV, 3 Q-Kt 5 ch are correct moves. In No. 2 you make White play badly and only give one variation. "Pawn" (J.)—Am afraid you did not spend much time on these problems. In No. 2 White would play 3 P-B 5 and draw easily in your variation. "Santermed"—See remarks to "Pawn". In No. 2, 5 B-B 4 would draw easily. "R. Casier"—In No. 1 your variations are generally good, but you fail in 1., P-Q 6. If 2-P-B 6, Kt P×P. In variation 2, 5 R-Q 1 wins the Queen. No. 2: except for your solution I should probably have allowed a draw as correct. "Delta"—Your attempt at No. 1 does not do you credit. That of No. 2 is better than several others, and is very nearly correct. After 7 B-Q 4, Kt-B 3; 8 B-B 3, P-Kt 4; 9 B-Kt 2, P-Kt 5; 10 Kt-B 4, P-Kt 6; 11 K×P, Kt×P; 12 B×Kt, K×B; 13 K-B 3! K×P; 14 K-B 4 draw. "Patlander"—In variation IV, not 4 P×R but Q-R 8 ch and mates next move. In No. 2: not 8 K-Q 5 but P-Kt 7 and White wins. "Pawn" (P)—Variation I, 2., R-Q 4; II, 3 R-Kt 4; III, 3 R-Kt 4; IV, 2 P-B 6. In No. 2, 4 K-Q 4 is correct move. "Tyro"—Yes, I can see that! However, if you study the solutions you will learn something, as I have! "C.H.D."—At move 6, Bishop should go to R 2. 7 K-Q 4 is better. "Eloc"—These were a bit too stiff. Your solution to No. 1 is not worth anything, and you have unfortunately not given any other variation for Black. In No. 2 White would play 5 P-Kt 7 ch, K×P; and 6 P-K 6 winning. Try the Juniors next month. You will find you will improve with practice. "Lily"—Not a good attempt at No. 1. I own it is a difficult position. Your trial of No. 2 is not correct, but shows ideas.

The maximum marks on which I have worked are 30 each problem, and I have dealt pretty severely with errors, as will be seen by the list.

SENIORS: "R. Casier," 21, 26, 47; "Hotchpot," 17, 12, 29; "Sirius," 14, 13, 27; "Pussycat," 15, 6, 21; "Fulano de Tal," 14, 5, 19; "Clare," 6, 13, 19; "Knowsley," 12, 6, 18; "Ostree," 9, 8, 17; "Wifilé," 10, 7, 17; "A.M.," 10, 5, 15; "Cradock," 6, 7, 13; "Cic," 7, 5, 12; "Pawn" (J.), 7, 3, 10; "G.M.A.," 5, 4, 9; "Santermed," 6, 2, 8; "C.H.D.," —, 7, 7.

JUNIORS: "Delta," 2, 12, 14; "Patlander," 6, 5, 11; "Pawn" (P.), 5, 4, 9; "Tyro," 4, 4, 8; "Lily," 3, 4, 7; "Eloc," 2, 4, 6.

The solutions of Junior Problems Nos. 21 and 22, page 82, are as follows: 21. Sent by R. Goulding Brown. He says: "Black threatens Q—K 7, Q—R 3, B—Q 6, but 1 Q—K 3 stops all of them. If 1... Q—R 3; 2 Q×Kt ch, K—R 2; 3 B—K 1. If 1 R—K 3, B—Q 6; 2 R×B, Q—K 7; 3 P—R 3, Q×B ch; 4 K—R 2, Q×R and wins. But if 1 Q—K 3, P—Q 5! 2 Q×Q, B×Q, followed by B—B 5 wins, and if 2 B×P, Q—B 5; 3 Q×Kt ch, K—R 2; 4 R×P ch, K×R; 5 Q—K 7 ch, Q—B 2; 6 Q—K 2, B—K 3 wins, nor does 4 P—R 3 save White. Best therefore seems 1 R—K 3, B—Q 6; 2 B—K 1, because White retains some attack, a line none of my solvers have given. 1 Q—Q R 4 also staves off the threats temporarily; so does 1 B—Q 2, for if Q—K 7; 2 B—B 1. 22. White draws by 1 P—R 5, P×P; 2 P×P, K—Q 2; 3 K—B 5, K—K 2; 4 K—Kt 6, K—K 3; 5 K×R P, K—B 2; 6 K—R 7, P—B 4; 7 P—R 6, P—B 5; 8 K—R 8, P—B 6; 9 P—R 7, P—B 7 stalemate.

Twenty solvers returned solutions. The ladder is as follows: "Robo" climbs to the top with 98, 3, 10, 111, takes the small prize and descends to the bottom again. The remaining scores are "Lady Clara," 19/22, 81, 4, 6, 4, 6, 101; "Lily," 84, 2, 10, 96; "Ghetto," 94, no solutions; "Particles," 73, 5, 3, 81; "Stalemate," 69, 3, 8, 80; "Nigger," 61, 3, 10, 74; "Chess," 60, 3, 8, 71; "Edina," 59, 3, 8, 70; "Ostree," 44, 5, 9, 58; "Knowsley" (1), 35, 5, 10, 50; "Plachutta," 31, 4, 7, 42; "Wifilé," 26, 5, 5, 36; "Pugnandum," 17, 7, 10, 34; "Tyro" (1), 24, 3, 4, 31; "Patlander," 20, 3, 8, 31; "Thule" (1), 16, 3, 10, 29; "Kodak," 20, 3, 4, 27; "Rhapsody," 14, 3, 4, 21; "Delta," 6, 3, 5, 14; "George," 10, 2, 2, 14.

As one or two solvers have not sent solutions to Senior Problem No. 22, page 82, because the Black pieces were numbered 7 instead of 8, I will withhold solutions till next month, to give them a chance to send their solutions.

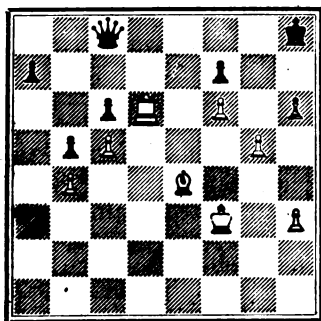
ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "Robo"—Yes, 22 is quite correct! "Particles"—You will see where you were wrong in 22. "Lady Clara"—I hope the score is now correct. "Wifilé"—You do not give sufficient continuation in 22. "Tyro"—If 5 K—Kt 7, K—K 2 not K—B 4. "Thule"—All right, try one more climb! "Rhapsody"—No, not either Pawn; P—Kt 5 loses. "Delta"—See previous answer, and your solution to 1 P—R 5 does not give best moves for Black. "J'adoubé" 4, 7, but am counting you among Seniors. Have another go at 22.

As there is such a lot still to clear up, I shall give no further problems this month, and let solvers concentrate on Competition Problems 3 and 4, page 80, and the next two which are as follows.

The solutions to the former must be in by April 30th; to the latter by May 31st.

COMPETITION PROBLEM No. 5.
White had to make his 42nd move in the following position.

BLACK (7 pieces)

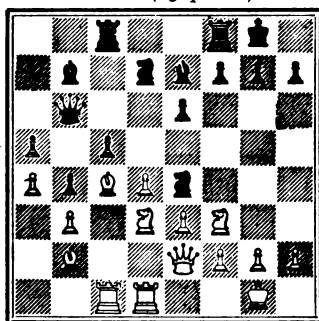


WHITE (8 pieces)

The game was left for adjudication. Solvers will please adjudicate the position and demonstrate their reasons for such judgment.

COMPETITION PROBLEM No. 6.
A game was opened 1 Kt—K B 3. Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—Q B 3; 3 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 4 Kt—B 3, P×P; 5 P—K 3, P—Q Kt 4; 6 P—Q R 4, P—Q Kt 5; 7 Kt—R 2, P—K 3; 8 B×P, Q Kt—Q 2; 9 P—Q Kt 3 B—Kt 2; 10 B—Kt 2, B—K 2; 11 Kt—B 1, P—Q R 4; 12 Kt—Q 3, Castles; 13 R—B 1, P—Q B 4; 14 Castles, R—B 1; 15 Q—K 2, Kt—K 5; 16 K R—Q 1, Q—Kt 3, giving the following position.

BLACK (15 pieces)



WHITE (15 pieces)

Comment on the opening play and give what you consider to be the best continuation for White and your reasons for same.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHAMPIONSHIP PORTRAITS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE B.C.M.

DEAR SIR,—In this month's magazine it was very nice to see the portraits, names and scores of the Girl competitors. Could not this be done with all the championships? It would make the magazine so much more interesting, and also appeal to the different players of the counties. For instance, a lot of the championship matches of the different counties are now drawing to their final stages. How interesting to have in your paper the portrait and name of the champion of each county in England. It not only interests the man, his friends and his club, but it interests all in that particular county, and makes the members feel that it is worth while striving for the honour. I should like to throw out the suggestion, and I believe it would increase your circulation tremendously. As you perhaps know, Mr. R. A. Jones, of Southend, gave a splendid cup to be held by the Essex champion year by year. What better than that such a cup should be shown in your paper.

"FOXROCK," 43 PRESTON ROAD,
WESTCLIFFE-ON-SEA, 10th February, 1926.

Yours sincerely,

F. NETTLETON.

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THE UNIVERSITIES CHESS WEEK.

The first match took place on March 13th, at Malet Street, London, when the Combined teams encountered the University of London, with the following result :—

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES.			LONDON UNIVERSITY.		
1	G. S. A. Wheatcroft (O.)	1	V. Buerger	0	
2	J. E. West (C.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. E. Goldstein	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	A. M. Ewbank (C.)	0	R. F. Goldstein	1	
4	J. H. Morrison (O.)	1	L. Klein	0	
5	K. H. Bancroft (O.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. A. Allcock	$\frac{1}{2}$	
6	A. R. B. Thomas (C.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. C. Armstrong	$\frac{1}{2}$	
7	G. E. Smith (C.)	0	T. S. Dawn	1	
8	G. R. Mitchell (O.)	1	N. F. MacLagan	0	
9	G. Costigan (O.)	1	M. Davies	0	
10	V. Coates (C.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. J. Scrimgeour	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11	R. C. Weaver (C.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. L. Roche	$\frac{1}{2}$	
12	A. Rutherford (O.)	0	N. Kazi	1	
13	M. A. Vernon (C.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. D. Barlow	$\frac{1}{2}$	
14	Baron S. Perenyi (O.)	1	V. J. A. Russ	0	
15	J. I. King (O.)	0	T. Bispham	1	
16	B. S. Edwards (O.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. G. Slack	$\frac{1}{2}$	
17	G. C. Ives (C.)	1	E. W. Madge	0	
		9 $\frac{1}{2}$			7 $\frac{1}{2}$

The University teams had a most successful week from March 15th to 20th, their best performance undoubtedly being their fine victory over the strong City of London team pitted against them.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES.			CITY OF LONDON.		
1	G. S. A. Wheatcroft (O.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. P. Michell	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	J. E. West (C.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. H. Blake	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	J. H. Morrison (O.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Gooding	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	K. H. Bancroft (O.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$	
5	B. Goulding Brown (C.)	1	R. C. J. Walker	0	
6	H. J. Snowden (C.)	0	H. Saunders	1	
7	D. M. Morrah (O.)	*	H. S. Barlow	*	
8	G. Costigan (O.)	0	F. F. L. Alexander	1	
9	A. M. Ewbank (C.)	0	E. Macdonald	1	
10	A. W. Excell (C.)	1	H. A. H. Carson	0	
11	A. Oppenheim (O.)	1	Capt. A. E. Beamish	0	
12	G. Abrahams (O.)	1	B. W. Hamilton	0	
13	J. A. Herrick (C.)	1	A. West	0	
14	P. Sherman (C.)	1	F. J. Camm	0	
15	G. R. Mitchell (O.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Scamp	$\frac{1}{2}$	
16	R. C. Weaver (C.)	0	B. J. Mooney	1	
17	B. S. Edwards (O.)	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. H. Robertson	$\frac{1}{2}$	
18	A. Rutherford (O.)	0	W. H. Watts	1	
		9			8

* For adjudication.

The fiftieth Inter-University match was played at the City of London Chess Club on Friday, March 19th, Cambridge University securing a splendid victory by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Both sides were above the average this year and in consequence some fine games were played. Unfortunately for Oxford, H. F. Sutherland (Balliol), board No. 6, was summoned home to Scotland

owing to the illness of his sister, and in consequence Costigan played in his place, and J. I. King was brought in on board 7.

The first game to be finished was that on board 3, where the Oxford player, in a more or less even position, overlooked the loss of the exchange. This was followed by a fine win by Sherman on board 6. Costigan had played a Centre Counter and got a cramped game, and Sherman took full advantage of it. This was followed by still another win for Cambridge on board No. 5. The Oxford player had got a good attacking position in a Queen's gambit, but at move 22, instead of bringing another piece up to the attack, made a sacrifice which brought in three Pawns for a piece but opened his opponent's Bishops to the long diagonals. In defending a Mate he laid himself open to a pretty sacrifice, by J. A. Herrick, of his Queen, which brought an immediate win.

Bancroft revenged Stonier by defeating H. J. C. Herrick on board No. 2, by a very able play in an Indian defence to a Queen's Pawn.

The Captains on Board No. 1 shortly afterwards agreed to a draw, the game being very blocked, this was followed by a draw on board No. 4, but the Cambridge player later missed an easy win at move 34, where he played Kt—K 6 instead of Kt—R 5. Even afterwards he probably ought to have won. The game on board No. 7 was not finished after fifty moves and was adjudicated a draw by Mr. R. P. Mitchell. The following is the full score, Oxford having the move on the odd-numbered boards:—

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.		OXFORD UNIVERSITY.	
1 A. R. B. Thomas (St. John's)	½	G. S. A. Wheatcroft (New Coll.)	½
2 H. J. C. Herrick (St. John's)	0	K. H. Bancroft (Pembroke) ..	1
3 P. S. Milner-Barry (Trinity)	1	G. Abrahams (Wadham)	0
4 V. Coates (Sidney Sussex) ..	½	G. R. Mitchell (Magdalen) ..	½
5 J. A. Herrick (Pembroke) ..	1	A. W. Stonier (Christ Church)	0
6 P. Sherman (Trinity)	1	G. Costigan (St. John's)	0
7 R. C. Weaver (Corpus Christi)	½	J. I. King (Jesus)	½
	4½		2½

OBITUARY.

The death occurred a short time ago of Dr. George Paddock Bate, for many years medical officer of health for the Borough of Bethnal Green. He was an honorary member of the Imperial Chess Club and a most enthusiastic four-handed chessplayer.

FOR SALE.

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Apply: R. H. S. STEVENSON, 45 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

We have just received the full score of the match between Worcester and Shropshire in the preliminary rounds, which has been delayed through a hitch in securing adjudication of the unfinished games. To keep the record as complete as possible, we now give the result.

WORCESTERSHIRE.					SHROPSHIRE.				
1	E. E. Westbury	..	..	1	F. Smart	..	..	..	0
2	W. C. Roberts	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Groom	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	A. T. Griffith	..	..	1	P. G. Perry	..	..	..	0
4	A. James	..	..	1	W. H. Smith	..	..	..	0
5	M. A. Prentice	..	..	1	H. C. W. Williams	..	..	..	0
6	C. H. Knight	..	..	0	D. E. McNab	..	..	..	1
7	G. C. Brown	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Cragg	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	E. F. Fardon	..	..	0	H. Boston	..	..	..	1
9	Rev. A. P. Lacy-Hulbert	..	..	0	Rev. W. Benson	..	..	..	1
10	D. W. Wooldridge	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	T. A. Lusty	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	F. G. Hale	..	..	1	J. O. Jackson	..	..	..	0
12	F. W. Trent	..	..	0	J. Mallinson	..	..	..	1
13	B. C. Ashford	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Baddeley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	Prof. F. Tillyard	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Gough	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
15	J. E. Dutton	..	..	1	W. E. Jones	..	..	..	0
16	A. L. Homer	..	..	0	A. B. Higgins	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8 $\frac{1}{2}$					7				

Surrey County Chess Association now invite entries for their four regular competitions which take place from April to July of each year: 1, The Challenge Cup (County Championship) Competition; 2, The Slater-Kennington Cup Competition; 3, The Felce Cup Competition; 4, The Wernick Cup Competition.

The entrance fee is 5/-, with a deposit of 15/- for the championship, and 2/6 with a deposit of 7/6 for each of the other events. The deposit will be refunded to each competitor who plays all his games in accordance with the rules. The rules in the 1924/25 year-book apply to all competitions.

The winners will hold the cups for the ensuing year and will receive the Association's silver medal. In addition (if the number of competitors is 20 in each event), prizes will be awarded as under:

	Challenge Cup			Slater-Kennington Cup			Felce Cup			Wernick Cup		
First Prize	..	£4	0 0	..	£2	0 0	..	£1	10 0	..	£1	0 0
Second	..	2	10 0	..	1	5 0	..	1	0 0	..	0	15 0
Third	..	1	10 0	..	1	0 0	..	0	15 0	..	0	10 0
Fourth	..	1	0 0	..	0	15 0	..	0	10 0	..	0	5 0
Fifth	..	0	15 0	..	—		..	—		..	—	
Sixth	..	0	10 0	..	—		..	—		..	—	

In each event, the players gaining second place in sections will play off for third and fourth prizes, the first win being decisive. The winners of the fifth and sixth prizes in the Championship competition will be similarly decided.

Entries should be sent to the hon. secretary, F. F. L. Alexander, 8 Longstone Road, S.W.17.

One of the largest friendly matches ever played in the West of England took place on March 6th, at Gloucester, where the home county entertained and vanquished Worcestershire. The visitors lacked the services of their Birmingham contingent, but put up a very plucky fight. Five players from Worcester College for the Blind, including the headmaster, scored 4 points.

GLOUCESTER.				WORCESTERSHIRE.			
1	H. P. Parsbo	0		W. C. Roberts	1		
2	C. Welch	$\frac{1}{2}$		A. T. Griffith	$\frac{1}{2}$		
3	C. Mansfield	0		F. G. Hale	1		
4	A. Hutchinson	0		G. C. Brown	1		
5	D. S. Hole	$\frac{1}{2}$		B. C. Ashford	$\frac{1}{2}$		
6	C. E. Jackman	0		J. E. Dutton	1		
7	S. W. Viveash	$\frac{1}{2}$		F. W. Trent	$\frac{1}{2}$		
8	F. R. Rickman	1		Rev. L. Bradley	0		
9	M. Brown	1		Rev. F. W. H. Guttridge	0		
10	T. C. Johnson	1		J. Alger	0		
11	P. Gale	0		A. L. Homer	1		
12	W. J. Matthews	$\frac{1}{2}$		J. E. Boyt	$\frac{1}{2}$		
13	H. W. Arnold	$\frac{1}{2}$		A. Brace	$\frac{1}{2}$		
14	A. W. Martyn	1		R. M. Hamilton	0		
15	C. Whittles	0		W. Mayneord	1		
16	G. W. Powell	1		R. McFarlane	0		
17	A. C. Steadman	1		C. W. Stokes	0		
18	E. L. May	1		A. Lynes	0		
19	R. O. Platt	1		F. B. Ball	0		
20	H. Foxwell	1		J. A. Jarvis	0		
21	Dr. Merrick	$\frac{1}{2}$		R. Duncan Clarke	$\frac{1}{2}$		
22	C. Cherry	1		F. C. Yates	0		
23	G. F. Perrins	1		R. Carless	0		
24	R. E. G. Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$		W. C. Summers	$\frac{1}{2}$		
25	A. J. Nutt	0		Rev. J. C. Robertson	1		
26	Capt. Gorton	0		Rev. R. J. Whitaker	1		
27	E. O. Cherry	1		J. C. Moulder	0		
28	M. Davis	$\frac{1}{2}$		C. D. Adams	$\frac{1}{2}$		
29	A. E. Chamberlain	0		Duncombe Gibbs	1		
30	H. Whitchell	1		P. J. Hawkes	0		
31	H. R. Charter	1		J. Huskinson	0		
32	F. S. Whittingham	1		Rev. G. Clarke	0		
33	H. S. Colborn	1		K. N. Ross	0		
34	Miss Eyre	0		E. E. Davies	1		
35	T. W. Starr	$\frac{1}{2}$		R. Cross	$\frac{1}{2}$		
36	Col. Stuart	0		R. Ash	1		
37	T. H. Blanche	1		Rev. R. Torrens	0		
38	F. G. Olds	1		H. Chambers	0		
39	Rev. H. Pritchard	0		W. Barlow	1		
40	G. P. Hudson	1		J. H. Smith	0		

23 $\frac{1}{2}$ 16 $\frac{1}{2}$

Final Matches for the Ebony and Amboyna Shields.—Another large gathering of chess players took place in London on March 20th. The matches were played at the Regent Street Branch of Boots, the Chemists, where the comfortable and artistic rooms gave great satisfaction.

Middlesex played Surrey 120 a-side and by obtaining a majority on the first 100 boards secured the Ebony Shield for the year.

Surrey, however, were in better form on the first 50, and beat their redoubtable opponents, thus creating a triple tie between Surrey, Middlesex and Sussex for the Amboyna Shield.

While the match was in progress Kent played Essex on the balcony at 50 a-side and won by 29 to 21.

Lancashire Chess Association.—In the county championship (Manchester Section) there are twelve entries: B. Cohen (holder), C. Boyce, Arthur Eva, E. C. Harvey, H. M. Holgate, R. W. Houghton, D. Joseph, T. Kelly, A. Laserson, A. Milner, W. Turner, and J. E. West. The draw for the first round is as follows: Boyce, Turner; Holgate, Joseph; Harvey, Eva; Laserson, Cohen; Milner, Kelly; West, Houghton.

On March 5th, a match of 53 a-side was arranged between a team composed of members of the clubs in the London Commercial Chess League *versus* Kent County players. The latter eventually won by 32½ to 20½, but it was a very well contested match.

The directors of the Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Company most kindly lent two of their artistic and spacious rooms, while Mr. J. A. Miles, Vice-President of the League, welcomed the visitors and said he hoped the fixture might become an annual one. The whole of the arrangements were completed by the hon. secretary of the League, Mr. R. W. Bayliss, whose great organising ability was displayed at its best.

LONDON COMMERCIAL CHESS LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.										
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.					
Motor Union	9	7	2	—	7					
Lloyds	8	5	1	2	6					
St. Helen's Court	8	4	2	2	5					
R.M.S.P.	8	4	3	1	4½					
Mex	8	4	4	—	4					
Shell Mex	9	3	4	2	4					
Bowrings	9	3	5	1	3½					
Nestanglo	9	3	5	1	3½					
Morton's	9	3	6	—	3					
Cornhill	9	2	6	1	2½					
SECOND DIVISION.										
	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.					
Shell Mex II	5	5	—	—	5*					
Sedgwick Collins I	5	3	1	1	3½					
Cornhill II	5	2	3	—	2					
Lloyds II	5	1	3	1	1½					
Morton's II	5	1	3	1	1½					
Nestanglo II	5	1	3	1	1½					
* Winner.										

The Imperial Chess Club has been very active during the month of March.

On the 2nd a defeat was suffered at the hands of Lloyds Bank, at their headquarters in Gracechurch Street by 9½—5½.

On the 13th, however, the National Liberal Club were beaten by the odd point— $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$, while on the 16th, East London College went down by $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$.

On the 20th the Club avenged their former defeat by the Referee Club by a victory of $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{1}{2}$ at 62 Brook Street.

The Portland Sports Club, Chess Section, entertained a scratch team from the P. and O. Company at their offices, Portland House, Tothill Street, Westminster, on March 1st, and though somewhat severely defeated by the more experienced players opposing them, put up a sturdy fight in most of the games. This is the Portland Chess Club's first season, but it hopes to affiliate to the Middlesex County Association, and to grow in strength so as to take part in competitive chess before long. The atmosphere of Westminster, where so many big chess contests take place, should be favourable to its aspirations. Full score as follows:—

P. AND O. TEAM.					PORTLAND CHESS CLUB.				
1	T. H. Acton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. Smith	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	Capt. T. C. E. Dayas	..	..	1	W. Miller	..	..	..	0
3	Dr. A. H. D. Salt	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Kirkman	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	H. S. Ward	..	..	1	H. H. D. Anderson	..	..	..	1
5	E. R. Powell	..	..	1	W. G. Rea	..	..	..	0
6	W. Evans	..	..	1	W. Galbraith	..	..	..	0
7	R. H. Green	..	..	1	A. Collins	..	..	..	0
8	B. D. Jones	..	..	1	S. Halford	..	..	..	0

Glasgow Chess League.—This competition has been won by Glasgow Central Chess Club, who only lost one match through the season. Their final match with the Bohemians was won far more easily than was anticipated and we append the score:—

CENTRAL.					BOHEMIAN.				
1	D. M. MacIsaac	..	..	1	J. Borthwick	..	..	..	0
2	C. Wardhaugh	..	..	1	A. Felber	..	..	..	0
3	A. Smith	..	..	0	F. G. Harris	..	..	..	1
4	H. R. S. Brown	..	..	1	M. Davis	..	..	..	0
5	H. W. Tennant	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Harris	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	J. Russell	..	..	1	J. Andrews	..	..	..	0
7	W. B. Hird	..	..	1	A. Calderhead	..	..	..	0
5 $\frac{1}{2}$					1 $\frac{1}{2}$				

The presence in the losing team of A. Felber, who for the past two years has won the Kriegspiel Championship of the London Gambit Chess Rooms, was interesting.

League players of all districts, READ THIS—

"The Central reserves did remarkably well. Indeed, the club throughout the season has been well served by them. Turning up whenever asked to, sometimes only to find they were not included in the team, they have on more than one occasion converted a threatened defeat into a victory. Indeed, it is largely the possession of members who were willing to play when asked and who did not grumble when left out that has enabled the Central Club to achieve the feat of heading the First Division of the Glasgow League for three successive years."

In this short sentence (from Mr. Wardhaugh's column of March 20th in the *Glasgow Herald*) the whole secret of success is displayed.

The Club with members willing to play for the team rather than for themselves will always be near the top; and will always be attractive and flourishing, win or lose.

C. F. Chapman has won the Brighton chess championship with a record score of $9\frac{1}{2}$ out of 11. Unbeaten throughout the competition, he scored 8 wins and 3 draws.

The Stafford Chess League for 1925-6 is now finished and the competition has been very well supported. All the teams met with some measure of success and only half a point separated the leaders. A very sporting spirit has characterised the matches. Final positions:

	Pld.	Pts.		Pld.	Pts.
Siemen's "A"	10	32	Siemen's "B"	10	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
Stafford "B"	10	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oddfellows	10	20
Stafford "A"	10	25 $\frac{1}{2}$	Y.M.C.A.	10	17 $\frac{1}{2}$

Newcastle's Great Chess Match.—A match between Newcastle Chess Club and Tees-side Chess Association took place at the headquarters of the Newcastle Club. Both teams were strongly represented, and played in a grim and determined manner. Newcastle won the toss and took White on the odd boards.

After two hours' play an interval was called for tea, the match standing slightly in favour of the home team on the four finished games. The president, W. D. Hawdon, welcomed the visitors, and expressed the possibility of an annual match between junior teams. On resuming, great care was taken to exploit any weak position, the greatest ingenuity being shown to win or save a game. Finishing shortly after 7 o'clock, with one game to be adjudicated, it was seen that Newcastle had won the match with 9 games to 7. Final scores :—

NEWCASTLE.

1	G. H. Beaty	..	..	..	..	1
2	G. S. Sell	..	..	..	..	1
3	T. P. Jones	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	R. S. Friends	..	..	..	..	0
5	E. W. Carmichael	..	..	..	..	1
6	J. Angle	..	..	..	..	*
7	W. D. Hawdon	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	H. Bardsley	..	..	..	..	1
9	A. W. W. Tulip	..	..	..	..	1
10	Canon G. E. Newsom	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	G. P. Davies	..	..	..	..	1
12	G. W. Audas	..	..	..	..	0
13	Dr. Taylor	..	..	..	..	0
14	Dr. Horseman	..	..	..	..	0
15	H. Dowsett	..	..	..	..	1
16	G. Bagnall	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
17	E. S. Jameson	..	..	..	..	0

TEES-SIDE.

W. Rogers	..	..	..	..	..	0
J. E. Young	..	..	..	..	..	0
H. Breakwell	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. Stead	..	..	..	..	..	1
G. A. Peck	..	..	..	..	..	0
G. W. Saunders	..	..	..	..	..	*
F. S. Legge	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. W. Brazell	..	..	..	..	..	0
D. B. Wyatt	..	..	..	..	..	0
W. Lloyd	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. S. Tatham	..	..	..	..	..	0
W. Thatcher	..	..	..	..	..	1
F. Bradley	..	..	..	..	..	1
L. P. Wright	..	..	..	..	..	1
P. W. Carling	..	..	..	..	..	0
E. Mitchell	..	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
Dr. Aynsley	..	..	..	..	..	1

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* To be adjudicated.

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I. M. Brown Shield Competition.—The match in the fourth round of the I. M. Brown Shield Competition, between Leeds II and Bradford II, which had been postponed from January 16th, was played at Leeds on February 28th. Bradford II were Sheffield II's only rivals for the trophy, and they were so far behind that it was necessary for them to win this match, and also their next, in order to have even a chance of tying for the honour. As it was they lost, and were put out of the running, with the result that Sheffield gains first place in the competition, with a match in hand.

FINAL TABLE OF THE COMPETITION.

	P.	Matches.			P.	W.	Games.			Pts.
		W.	L.	D.			L.	D.		
Sheffield II	..	6	5	0	1	48	27	9	12	11
Bradford II	..	6	3	2	1	48	21	15	11	7
Leeds II	..	6	2	4	0	48	11	24	12	4
Huddersfield II	..	6	1	5	0	48	12	23	13	2

One unfinished game, between Leeds II. and Bradford II., is not included in the above table, but this does not affect the positions of the teams.

The Sheffield second team are to be congratulated on their victory, which is the second in succession. They have had a remarkable record in the I. M. Brown Shield Competition, having won it four times in six seasons. Their previous successes were in 1921, 1923 and 1925.

Edwin Woodhouse Cup.—It looks as if Bradford will have to fight exceedingly hard to retain hold on the cup. In the penultimate round, Sheffield, their nearest rivals, were successful against the Leeds contingent, while Bradford found Huddersfield a most difficult obstacle to overcome.

In the final round on March 27th these two leading teams met, and the result will be given in our next issue, but writing beforehand it will be necessary for Bradford to win this important match and the task does not appear to be an easy one!

Score of matches played on February 20th:—

SHEFFIELD.					LEEDS.					
1	C. R. Gurnhill	..	..	..	1	F. Schofield	..	..	..	0
2	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	..	0	A. Schofield	..	..	..	1
3	E. Dale	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	H. H. Clarke	..	..	..	1	G. Pollard	..	..	..	0
5	H. D. Rockett	..	..	..	1	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	0
6	J. Orange	..	..	..	*	S. Leader	..	..	..	*
7	C. North	..	..	..	1	F. A. Amies	..	..	..	0
8	F. Ogden	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. W. Darby	..	..	..	*
9	J. S. Hamer	..	..	..	*	M. Andrew	..	..	..	*
10	A. Y. Green	..	..	..	*	C. G. Addingley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
					5					
BRADFORD.					HUDDERSFIELD.					
1	T. A. Staynes	..	..	..	0	H. E. Atkins	..	..	..	1
2	J. Foulds	..	..	..	0	C. G. Wenyon	..	..	..	1
3	F. Betts	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	H. L. Brooke	..	..	..	1	H. A. Cadman	..	..	..	0
5	J. W. Morton	..	..	..	1	H. Greenwood	..	..	..	0
6	T. Hillary	..	..	..	1	A. Goodwin	..	..	..	0
7	W. Staynes	..	..	..	*	W. Foster	..	..	..	*
8	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	..	*	H. Mellor	..	..	..	*
9	J. R. Deacon	..	..	..	0	C. H. Hinchliffe	..	..	..	1
10	C. B. Cribb	..	..	..	*	C. Winterbottom	..	..	..	*
					3 $\frac{1}{2}$					
* To be adjudicated.										

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The *Yorkshire Observer* Trophy for the season just concluded has been won by Sheffield, who defeated Dewsbury by 5—3 on March 7th.

SHEFFIELD.					DEWSBURY.				
1	J. E. Bird	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	J. Jackson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	W. Knowles	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Cass	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	F. Jameson	..	..	..	0	A. Kaye	..	..	1
4	C. S. Ashley	..	..	..	1	T. Summerscales	..	..	0
5	G. W. Footitt	..	..	..	1	Dr. Pritchard	..	..	0
6	J. W. Ball	..	..	..	1	A. Vaynor	..	..	0
7	C. F. Parkinson	..	..	..	0	W. H. Pollitt	..	..	1
8	W. Spooner	..	..	..	1	E. Sykes	..	..	0
					5				

Victor Rush, who was so well-known as an Essex County player before he went to the West Indies over three years ago, recently played simultaneously to all comers at the Y.M.C.A., Kingston, Jamaica, winning 14 and losing 1 only.

Mr. J. B. C. Kershaw has kindly sent us the results of the three matches in the North Wales Chess Association Tournament.

First round. Rydal School v. Llandudno. Played February 4th, at Llandudno.

LLANDUDNO.				RYDAL SCHOOL.			
1	T. H. Billington (Capt.)	..	*½	H. A. Smyth (Capt.)	..	..	*½
2	J. Gresley Jones	.. ..	*1	D. E. Cook	..	..	*0
3	H. Higginbottom, junr.	..	0	R. L. Mitchell	..	..	1
4	A. C. Newbitt	.. ..	1	K. C. Kirkup	..	..	0
5	H. Higginbottom	.. ..	0	T. V. Tattersall	..	..	1
6	H. Oliver	.. ..	1	V. R. Dodman	..	..	0
3½				2½			

On March 3rd, the same teams met again, this time the Wilson Cup being the objective. In this competition the age limit goes up to 18 and the Grammar School boys registered a still more convincing win.

HASTINGS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.						ST. LEONARDS COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.					
1	L. Crouch	..	..	..	½	D. A. C. Gibbs	..	..	..	½	
2	L. G. Norman	..	..	..	1	J. Dengate	..	..	..	0	
3	S. W. Thorpe	..	..	..	1	E. H. Hallett	..	..	..	0	
4	D. W. Riley	..	..	..	1	H. B. Ashby	..	..	..	0	
5	F. L. Jukes	..	..	..	1	C. S. M. George	..	..	..	0	
6	L. Crouch	..	..	..	0	J. L. Gorwyn	..	..	..	1	
4½						1½					

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS.

World's Championship.—This interesting topic continues to engage the attention of various writers. In *L'Echiquier* (Brussels) for February, Mr. Znosko-Borowski, in an article quite courteous in tone, yet criticises the champion for not setting a better example: (1) in the matter of mechanical draws when the chess world is expecting a spirited contest; (2) for apparent lack of seriousness in tournaments. Thus it appears that the defeat at Moscow by Verlinsky was preceded by a trip to Leningrad, to give a simultaneous display, involving two nights in a railway train.

In *Schachmaty Listok* (Leningrad), A. A. Smirnov thinks that the matter of the championship should be brought to a head. He suggests a match in 1926 between Alekhine and Bogoljuboff, and in 1927 between Capablanca and Lasker, with a final encounter between the winners. His views are quite temperately expressed, and his article readable—to students of Russian.

Canada.—The new officials of the Canadian Chess Federation are: president, S. B. Wilson; vice-president, G. F. Griffin; treasurer, L. J. Blanchard; secretary, Antoine Lamothe.

The championship tournament will take place in Montreal from the 19th to 24th April, and a strong entry appears probable. *Le Pion* our Canadian contemporary, reports that "The Toronto Chess Association is anxious to break young people into the game, and instruction will be given to those making application."

Toronto players visited Hamilton and drew a match 5—5.

The National Chess Club on its own ground received severe treatment at the hands of the Montreal Chess Club, who won 5½—2½.

The Fédération Française hopes to commemorate worthily the bi-centenary of Philidor, 7th Sept., 1726, to 7th Sept., 1926.

South Africa.—We learn that a gathering of club representatives was arranged for March 2nd with a view to form a Transvaal Chess Association—a step likely to pave the way ultimately for a national federation on sound lines.

Durban Railway and Harbour Institute Chess Club had quite a successful year in 1925. The standard of play was raised by a inter-departmental league, by matches with a compulsory opening, and by consultation games, which latter were most favoured. The Handicap tournament, Section A (stronger players) was won by G. Laurie, and Section B resulted in a tie between H. Elks and A. E. Callum.

In matches the club actually managed to score a victory against the Durban Chess Club, but was overweighted in its other three encounters.

India.—P. W. Sergeant writes from Baroda: "After considerable search I have discovered a strong player of Indian chess, in the person

of Mir Intizimalikhan, one of the old Mohammedan nobility in the State. I found some difficulty in remembering the differences between Indian and European chess—the promotion of Pawns only to the quality of the pieces of their original file and the fact of the “bare” King drawing proving especial snags—but managed at each of two *séances* to get just a majority of the games played. My opponent was good in the middle game. In spite of the single initial move of the Pawn, I did not find the openings particularly hard, thanks to the recent popularity of the fianchetto at home!”

West Australia.—The 1925 championship was secured by A. E. Morris, winner in 1921, after a fierce encounter. The results were as under: 1st, A. E. Morris (state champion, 1921), 10½ points; 2nd, A. E. Coleman (1920), 10; 3rd, J. Sayers (1912, 1915, 1916, 1918, 1922, 1923 and 1924), 9½; 4th, E. Cleary, 8; 5th, H. Crossley, 6; 6th, W. Dethridge, 5; 7th, R. Fordham, 4; 8th, R. C. Ryan, 3.

Czecho-Slovakia.—*L'Echiquier* publishes a nice portrait of F. J. Prokop, the Bohemian composer, with a record of his achievements, contributed by Fr. Dedrle, of Brno. Born on the 18th July, 1901, he pursued his studies at the Technical School and the King Charles University at Prague, and became a journalist. He contributed 150 chess studies to the journal 28 *Rijen*, and has gained the following distinctions: *Basler Nachrichten*, 1924, 3rd prize; *Ceske Slovo* 1924, 5th; *Schachmaty Listok*, 1925, 3rd, 4th and 5th; *Magyar Sakkvilág*, 1925, 4th, etc. He has done some particularly good work with “Echoes.”

France.—The fifth number of *L'Echiquier Français* contains an article upon Napoleon as a chess player, with the three well-known games supposed to have been played by him. Anderssen's “immortal” game is given, with contemporary notes and also modern notes by Reti, etc. The series of Curiosities is continued—on this occasion devoted to smothered mates. Notes on “fairy chess” and on the two-move game called “Marseillais” would repay the attention of the active-minded, inclined to excursions outside the usual routine.

A chess club has been formed in Paris for Britishers only, we are informed by Mr. Champion. The first meeting was held on the 12th March, and it was decided to meet every Thursday evening at the Cafe Trianon (1st floor), 13 bis Rue des Mathurins, close to the Opéra. English visitors will be cordially welcomed.

Germany.—Dr. K. Ziebert contributes quite a lengthy article to the *Deutsche Schachzeitung*, explaining the psychological reasons why, in his opinion, ladies do not take kindly to chess as a rule—even through exceptions prove the rule. It is quite interesting, although possibly the impulsive French lady who avenged repeated defeats by hitting the doctor over the head with the chessboard, exercised considerable subconscious influence on his views.

The championship of Greater Hamburg has been won by H. von Rodatz.

A new chess club has been formed in Wittenberg.

The Berlin Chess Club, "Caissa," which was founded last April, held a successful general meeting. It meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Wiener Garten, Wiener St. 10.

With deep regret we learn that the fine old master, Johann Metger, passed away on the 25th January last at Kiel, aged 74. He was an excellent player and an amiable personality. It is only a few months since he sent over personal greetings through our Master, Yates.

On the occasion of the jubilee of the Dresden Chess Union, a series of chess fixtures will take place at Easter, including the International Match between Germany and Austria, and an International Tournament for ten masters, including Alekhine, Vidmar, Nimzovitch, Rubinstein, Blümich, L. Steiner, and von Holzhausen.

Réti has contributed an article on "Chess and Politics" to the *Cologne Volkszeitung*, apparently suggested by the fact that Bogoljubov was forbidden by the Russian authorities to take part in the Semmering tournament. He observes that no good has ever resulted from any mixing of politics with chess.

Hungary.—Buda Pest has been holding a tournament specially to re-test the variation of the Queen's Pawn Game, with which its name is associated. The defence in question (1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 4) was, as is known, rather shaken by Alekhine, who, after taking the gambit Pawn, did not try to hold it, but continued 4 P—K 4 with success. Thus there results: 3 P×P, Kt—Kt 5; 4 P—K 4, Kt×K P; 5 P—B 4, Kt (K 4)—Q B 3. According to an article by A. Steiner in the *Wiener Schachzeitung* (No. 4, February), the essence of this position is that White's position is favourable for the middle game, and Black's for the end game. As to the tournament (double round), in which the best Buda Pest masters took part, the astonishing outcome was that the White side won 8 games, the Black 15, while 13 games were drawn, as follows: A. Steiner, 10 points; Bakonyi, 8; Havasi and Merenyi, 6 each; Vajda, 5½; Sterk, 4½; Réthy, 2. (The last-named only played in the first half on account of the Trebitsch tournament).

Against Alekhine's move 6 B—K 3, Steiner plays 6... B—Kt 5+; 7 Kt—B 3; B×Kt+; 8 P×B, Q—R 5+ to weaken the White King's position and to prevent the Knight going to K Kt 3 if 9 P—K Kt 3 which seems best, whereupon 9... Q—K 2; 10 B—Kt 2 or Q 3, P—Q 3; 11 Q—B 3, Kt—Q 2. Against other White moves (11), Black Castles, with varied threats. To Grünfeld's 6 P—Q R 3, P—Q 3! or B—K 2, not B—B 4; 7 Kt—K B 3, B—Kt 5; 8 B—K 2 with a solid development. It is concluded that the Buda Pest Defence is at least not inferior to others.

The *Wiener Schachzeitung* quotes from *Chemnitzer Wochenschach* an interview by a Dr. Schlüter with Bogoljubov, who is reported to have said apropos of his game with Capablanca, that the latter did not understand how to conduct an attack. Again, anent the champion's

alleged neglect of chess literature, that he had read so many German chess books that he had learned German from them. Further that he, Bogoljubov, had issued no official challenge for the world's championship.

The Trebitsch tournament resulted as follows: Spielmann, 8½ points, I; Grünfeld, 8, II; Lokvenc, 7, III; Becker, König, Wolf, 6½, equal IV, V and VI; v. Rethy, 5½; Hönlinger, 4½; Müller, 4½; Strobl, 4; Gruber, 4; Wahle, 1.

Iceland.—A cordial welcome is extended to the *Iceland Chess News* (*Íslenskt Skákblad*), the first three quarterly numbers of which have been received. It is published at Akureyri, by the Iceland Chess Union, and the editor is Mr. Thorlacius. Articles are devoted to the world's champion, to Lasker and to Steinitz successively. It is known that chess has been a favourite pastime for many centuries in Iceland, which is not surprising in a country just touching on the Arctic circle, where in winter there are barely a couple of hours of daylight. Until recently an ancient form of the game was played, but the examples given in these magazines show that our northern cousins are quite up to date, and evidently redoubtable protagonists. We have always liked to think that those English monks who left Lincoln somewhere about 1100 took with them to Iceland not only the Gospels and the new alphabet, but also the chess which was cultivated independently for so long a period.

As islanders ourselves, our associations with the descendents of the Vikings are almost as close and as long as those of the Scandinavians—*vide* the Orkney Saga and the Saga of Egil Skallagrimsson, among others. Friendly matches over the board can scarcely be arranged yet between them and our clubs, but the progress of wireless may soon open up possibilities of continuing our joint Viking traditions in an arena more suited to modern civilization.

Since 1919 there have been annual matches between Akureyri and Reykjavik, which have done much to stimulate progress. The results were as under: Akureyri v. Reykjavik: 1920 2½—2½; 1921, 3—4; 1922, 4—4; 1923, 2½—5½; 1924, 7—4; 1925, 7½—3½. As these places are 150 miles apart as the crow flies, and their populations only a few thousands, it is a remarkable feat to manage to assemble teams of 11 a-side.

In a match which took place on the 2—3 January, between Northerners and Southerners, the latter were victorious by 12 to 5.

Java.—The encomiums on the Batak chess players made by the Master, Kostich, are not altogether endorsed by Mr. H. Meyer, chess editor of *Het Nieuws van den Dag* for the Dutch East Indies.

He informs us that these players have not met the strongest Java representatives. Still he states that the development of chess among the Bataks is astounding enough, since only a quarter of a century ago they were practically still wild. Their rules deviate slightly from the European game, and the end-game, for example,

is more complicated, owing to their intricate system of queening pawns. Details are given in a book on Batak chess by von Oefelen, and in the jubilee book of the Dutch East Indies Chess Federation, 1925. Mr. Meyer hopes the D.E.I. may invite the Batak champions to compete in their championship tournament this Easter or next.

His chess column gives games played by Kostich against three of the best of them. The following is the closest contest among them :—

GAME No. 5,641.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
SI NARSAR		B. KOSTICH		SI NARSAR		B. KOSTICH	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—K B 4	22	Q—Q 3	22	Kt—Q 2
2	P—K 3	2	P—K 3	23	R×R	23	R×R
3	Kt—K B 3	3	Kt—K B 3	24	B—R 3	24	P—K 4
4	B—K 2	4	P—Q Kt 3	25	P—Q 5	25	R×R ch
5	P—Q Kt 3	5	B—Kt 2	26	K×R	26	Kt—B 3
6	Castles	6	P—Kt 3	27	P—K 4	27	P—Kt 5
7	B—Kt 2	7	B—Kt 2	28	K—Kt 1	28	P—R 4
8	Q Kt—Q 2	8	Castles	29	Kt—B 1	29	B—R 3
9	P—Q B 4	9	P—Q 3	30	Kt—Kt 3	30	Q—Kt 2
10	P—Q Kt 4	10	Q Kt—Q 2	31	Kt—B 5	31	Q—Kt 4
11	P—Q R 4	11	P—Q R 4	32	P—Kt 3	32	Q—Q 7
12	P—Kt 5	12	Kt—K 5	33	Kt×B ch	33	Q×Kt
13	Q—Kt 3	13	Q—K 2	34	K—Kt 2	34	Q—Kt 3
14	Q R—B 1	14	P—K R 3	35	P—B 5	35	Q×K P ch
15	Kt×Kt	15	P×Kt	36	Q×Q	36	Kt×Q
16	Kt—Q 2	16	R—B 2	37	P×Kt P	37	P×P
17	Q—B 2	17	Kt—B 3	38	K—B 1	38	K—B 2
18	P—B 3	18	P×P	39	K—K 2	39	K—K 2
19	B×P	19	B×B	40	K—Q 3	40	Kt—B 4 ch
20	R×B	20	P—Kt 4	41	K—B 4	41	Kt×P
21	Q R—K B 1	21	Q R—K B 1	Black won in twenty more moves			

Poland.—The championship of Cracow was won by T. Konczynski after a tie with Galuszka in the tournament ($7\frac{1}{2}$ out of 9 each). One of the tournament games (from *Kurjer Szachowy*) follows :—

GAME No. 5,642.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
WORTSMANN		KONCZYNSKI		WORTSMANN		KONCZYNSKI	
1	P—Q B 4	1	P—K 4	14	K—R 1	14	Kt—Kt 3
2	P—K 4	2	Kt—Q B 3	15	P—Kt 3	15	P—B 3
3	P—Q 3	3	B—B 4	16	Kt—B 3	16	Q—B 3
4	Kt—K B 3	4	P—Q 3	17	B—Kt 2	17	Q—Kt 4
5	B—K 2	5	K Kt—K 2	18	P—Q R 4	18	Q—R 3
6	Castles	6	Castles	19	Q—Kt 4	19	R—B 3
7	B—K 3	7	B—Kt 3	20	B—B 3	20	Kt×B
8	Kt—B 3	8	P—B 4	21	Q×Kt	21	P×Kt P
9	Kt—Q 5	9	P—B 5	22	Q×P	22	Kt—B 5
10	B×B	10	R P×B	23	R—K Kt 1	23	Q R—K B 1
11	P—Q R 3	11	B—Kt 5	24	Q R—K 1	24	Kt—R 6
12	P—Q Kt 4	12	B×Kt	25	R—Kt 2	25	Kt×P ch
13	B×B	13	Kt—Q 5	26	R×Kt	26	R×R and wins.

In Warsaw, Blass and Frydman tied in the qualifying tournament with $9\frac{1}{2}$ points each out of 13. St. Kohn played 27 simultaneously,

of which he won 17 and drew 9. The second tournament in Prague was won by Dr. F. Schubert with $8\frac{1}{2}$ points ; K. Hromadka and Dr. K. Skaliczka tying for 2nd and 3rd with 8 ; M. Chodera 4th, and Dr. Z. Vecsey 5th.

A lively encounter, played at Bialystok. White won the Master Tournament with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points, and Black was second with 5 points.

GAME No. 5,643.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
REGEDZINSKI		CUKIERMAN		REGEDZINSKI		CUKIERMAN	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	15	B—R 3	15	P—R 5
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—Q B 3	16	B—Q 6	16	B×B
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	Kt—K B 3	17	Kt—K Kt 5	17	R P×P
4	Kt—B 3	4	B—B 4	18	Kt×Q	18	P×P ch
5	P—K 3	5	P—K 3	19	R×P	19	B×R ch
6	B—K 2	6	Q Kt—Q 2	20	K×B	20	R×Kt ch
7	Castles	7	B—Q 3	21	K—Kt 2	21	Kt—B 3
8	P—Q Kt 3	8	Kt—K 5	22	Q—Q B 1	22	Kt—K 5
9	Kt×Kt ?	9	P×Kt	23	B—Q 3	23	R—Kt 6 ch
10	Kt—K 1	10	Q—R 5	24	K—B 1	24	B—R 6 ch
11	P—K Kt 3	11	Q—R 6	25	K—K 2	25	R—Kt 7 ch
12	P—B 3	12	P—K R 4	26	K—B 3	26	Kt—Kt 4 ch
13	R—B 2	13	K P×P	27	K—B 4	27	R—Kt 5 ch
14	Kt×P	14	B—K 2	28	K—K 5	28	K—Q 2

And White resigns.

United States.—Dr. Lasker returned after a two years' absence and in an interview said that Bogoljubov fully merited his success at Moscow, and would make it very interesting for Capablanca in a championship match. He himself would be willing to have a return match with Capablanca at any time, or equally to stand aside for any of the younger masters. Best of all in his opinion would be another quadrangular tournament like that at St. Petersburg, 1895-6, between himself, Capablanca, Bogoljubov and Alekhine.

The January number of the *American Chess Bulletin* reproduces a group photo of Sir George Thomas with various chess notabilities at Montreal, including the president of the Canadian Chess Federation, S. B. Wilson.

The Metropolitan Chess League of New York consists of twelve clubs, of which ten take part in the annual championship competition, namely, Manhattan, Staten Island, Marshall, Brooklyn, Stuyvesant (champion), I. L. Rice Progressive, Philidor, Hungarian, Second Avenue, Columbia University, N.Y. University, and City College. The Brooklyn and Rice Progressive did not enter teams. In addition to the club prizes there are two individual brilliancy prizes and one for the best played game. A new feature is a problem composing tournament for two and three movers, managed by Maxwell Bukofzer, open to composers within a radius of 25 miles from N.Y. City Hall.

H. Ransom Bigelow, who made many friends on this side during his stay at Oxford University, has assumed various chess activities. He is a member of the Marshall Chess Club ; Secretary of the Metropolitan Chess League of New York, and is now conducting a weekly chess section in the *New York Evening Post* (on Wednesdays).

Game No. 5,620.—A. T. Watson, of Brighton, kindly informs us that this game appeared in *Chess Sparks*, by J. H. Ellis, published in 1895, as quoted from the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time, and games can be arranged at once in the Handicap Tourney, and also the Knock-out Tourney, which commences May 1st.

Change of addresses.—Robert P. Boutland, to Seamer House, Argyle Street, Tynemouth, Northumberland. E. Behrndt, to c/o Mrs. Flint, 39 Sackville Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. Mr. Tyzack's initials should be R. G., instead of J.

New Members.—J. McDonnell, 70 Lower Camden Street, Dublin. S. D. Jackson, 15 St. Georges Road, Coventry. J. Eric Smith, 17 Albert Street, Thornton, Bradford, Yorkshire.

Jersey Match.—Mr. Boutland has won for us on board 20, by default, his opponent is going abroad.

Trophy Results.—Class 1: Gunston beat Illingworth; Dewing beat Dr. MacDonald, lost to Chambers, and drew with Bodkin. Class 2a: Jayne beat Ward and Evill; Ward beat Jones; Jayne beat Terry. Class 2b: Shead beat Toledano, and drew with Wilson, Lesser, and Steele. Class 3a: Gurney beat Finch. Class 3b: Rocks beat Hopkins; Rynders beat Jago, and McClusky, and lost to Lowe; Lowe beat Anderton, and Jago. Class 4a: Murray beat Behrndt (default), Heath, and Porch, and drew with Hollingdale. Behrndt beat Griffin; Richardson beat Mrs. Macvean, Oldfield, and drew with Hollingdale. Class 5: Derlien beat Bond; Miss Eveling beat Mead; Miss Herridge beat Miss Baker; Lister beat Miss Baker. Class 4b: Miss Roper has resigned; score cancelled.

New Knock-out Tourney.—Entries to the above must be received by April 5th.

Match *versus Chess Amateur*.—Our opponents claim this match as drawn. The dispute seems to be about Game 47, which they claim to win whilst we adjudicated it a draw. However, Mr. P. Wilson, who looked after the match in our interests, assures us that the score in March *B.C.M.* is correct, except that game 92 is not counted, and this makes no difference to the score.

Handicap Results.—Bardsley drew with Wilson, and lost to Bodkin (2); Boutland beat Porch; Armitage beat Wilson (2) and Joyce (2); Brown beat Day (2), Miss New, and Hollingdale; Bodkin beat H. A. Clarke, and Wilson; Brayne beat Taplin (2); Berg beat H. A. Clarke (2); Evill beat Wilson (2); Duffell beat Rynders, and H. Clarke (2); Gurney beat Shead, and Oldfield; Fairclough beat Taplin (2); Garrus beat Oldfield, and Taplin (2); Gosling beat Taplin; Heywood beat Mrs. Roper, Miss New, and Murray; Harper beat Tapsfield; Hopkins beat Miss New; Joyce beat H. Clarke (2); Lister beat Taplin (2), and Jagger (2); Murray beat Lyon-Campbell (2); Martin beat Behrndt; Mrs. Macvane beat Miss Roper (2), and Taplin (2); Milburn beat Organ, and Whall (2); Matthews beat Menkin; Bardsley beat Menkin; McClusky beat Behrndt; Miss New beat Hopkins; Organ beat Milburn; Rynders beat H. Clarke (2); Tyzack beat Boutland (2), Jagger (2), and Taplin (2); Skelton beat Wilcox (2); Somerville beat Whall (2); Tollitt beat Skelton; Whicher beat Wilson; Wilson beat Shead, Joyce (2), and Clarke (2); Wilcox beat Somerville, Ward (2), and Brayne (2); Whitty beat Oldfield (2). Draws: Duffell and Rynders, Gurney and Stoneman (2), Steele and Ward (2), Milburn and Seymour, Shead and Somerville, Wilson and Whicher.

Jersey Match.—On board 2, D. Johns, G.W.R. Office, Jersey, has been substituted for G. Dupre against E. W. Carmichael.

Played in the Trophies Tourney, Class 1b, 1924-5.

GAME No. 5,644.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. D. ROCKETT		E. PARSONS		H. D. ROCKETT		E. PARSONS	
(Sheffield)		(Hants)		(Sheffield)		(Hants)	
1 P—K 4		1 P—K 4		25 Q×Q		25 Kt×Q	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 Kt—K B 3		26 R(Q3)—K 3		26 Kt—Kt 3	
3 Kt×P		3 P—Q 3		27 P—B 4		27 P—K B 3	
4 Kt—K B 3		4 Kt×P		28 P—Q Kt 4		28 P—R 3	
5 P—Q 4		5 P—Q 4		29 P—Q R 4		29 R—Q 2	
6 B—Q 3		6 B—K 2		30 P—Kt 3		30 R(Q 2)—K 2	
7 Castles		7 Castles		31 K—B 2		31 Kt—B 1	
8 Q Kt—Q 2		8 B—K B 4		32 P—Q 5		32 Kt—Q 2	
9 Q—K 2		9 B—Q 3		33 P—B 5		33 Kt—K 4	
10 R—K 1		10 Kt—Q 2		34 B×Kt		34 R×B	
11 B×Kt		11 P×B		35 P—Kt 4		35 K—B 2	
12 Kt×P		12 R—K 1		36 K—B 3		26 P—K R 4	
13 Q—Q 3		13 P—K R 3		37 P—K R 3		37 R—K R 1	
14 P—Q Kt 3		14 Q—K 2		38 R—Q B 1		38 P×P ch	
15 Kt(B 3)—Q 2		15 B—B 5		39 P×P		39 R—Q 1	
16 B—Kt 2		16 Q R—Q 1		40 R—Q 3		40 R—K 2	
17 P—K B 3		17 Kt—K 4		41 P—R 5		41 P—B 3	
18 Q—B 1		18 K B×Kt		42 P—Q 6		42 RK 2)—Q 2	
19 Kt×B		19 Q—Kt 5		43 P—K Kt 5		43 R—K R 1	
20 Kt—K 4		20 Kt—Kt 3		44 K—Kt 4		44 R—K 1	
21 Q—B 2		21 B×Kt		45 P×P		45 P×P	
22 P×B		22 Q—Kt 4		46 R—K R 1		46 K—K 3	
23 Q R—Q 1		23 Q—K R 4		47 K—B 4		47 R—K Kt 1	
24 R—Q 3		24 Q—R 5		48 R(Q 3)—K R 3		48 Resigns	

GAME DEPARTMENT.

Games played in the Moscow Tournament.

GAME No. 5,645.

Jose Raoul Capablanca, who competed in the recently concluded Moscow International Masters' Tournament, suffered an unexpected defeat in a game against the young Russian Master, Iljin-Shenevsky.

The game, which commences with slow, modern development on both sides, takes a lively turn on the 13th move when Capablanca initiates a stormy attack on the Black King. Black fortifying his position as well as possible, and afterwards neglecting White's onrush, seeks compensation on the opposite flank. The champion's wavering on the 19th move involves an irretrievable loss of time and allows Black to break through and to avoid a catastrophe by an ingenious coup on his 31st move, which turns the tables completely in Black's favour.

The notes are extracted from the Poetical Works of Thomas Hood, by Dr. J. Schumer.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE

J. R. CAPABLANCA.

1 P—K 4

.....The drums they arouse,
But with dull row-de-dows,
And they give but a somnolent sound;

2 Q Kt—B 3

Whilst the foot and horse both,
Very slowly and loth,
Begin drowsily mustering round.

3 P—K Kt 3

For altered days brought altered ways,

4 B—Kt 2

5 K Kt—K 2

6 P—Q 3

To the right and left hand,
They fall in by command,
In a line that might better be dressed

7 Castles

8 P—K R 3

Then the arms christened small
Fire no volley at all.

9 B—K 3

10 Q—Q 2

11 Kt—Q 1

The horses have been *broken well*,
All danger is rescinded,
For some have *broken both their knees*
And some are *broken winded*.

BLACK

A. ILJIN-SHENEVSKY.

1 P—Q B 4

2 Q Kt—B 3

3 P—K Kt 3

4 B—Kt 2

5 P—Q 3

6 Kt—B 3

7 Castles

8 P—Q R 3

9 B—Q 2

10 R—K 1

11 R—Q B 1

12 P—Q B 3

To praise and enforce
A temperate course.

12 Q—R 4

13 P—K Kt 4

And the wind is rising squally and loud
With many a stormy token.

13 K R—Q 1

14 P—K B 4

Madly, sadly, the tempest raves.....

14 B—K 1

And round him eddy, with whirl and whizz,
Tornadoes of hail, and sleet and rain,
Enough to bewilder a weaker brain.

15 P—Kt 5

And there at the door they muster and cluster,
And thump and kick and bellow and bluster.

15 Kt—Q 2

I wonder what As-best-os means !

.....
The word is clear and plain enough,
It means a Nag wot goes the pace
And so *as-best-os* wins the race.

16 P—B 5

As many more
Mob round the door.

16 P—Kt 4

17 Kt—B 4

Here and there. and in out and out
With a crush and a rush, for a full bodied rout.

17 P—Kt 5

But on, and on, and on,
In spite of all unsavoury shocks,
Steadily steering ship-like for the docks.

18 P—B 6

And happy your luck
If you don't get stuck.

18 B—B 1

19 Kt—B 2

The question with its ins and outs,
Was intricate and full of doubts ;

19 Kt P×P

20 Kt P×P

20 P—K 3

21 P—K R 4

'Tis a strange and painful mystery !
But the more the eggs, the worse the hatch
The more the fish, the worse the catch.

21 R—Kt 1

22 P—R 5

Another step and lo he was launched !

22 R—Kt 3

23 P×P

And then—Great Jove—the struggle, the crush,
The screams, the heaving, the awful rush.

23 R P×P

24 Kt—Q 1

But still to and fro
It continued to go,
As if looking for soft places below.—

24 Kt (Q 2)—K 4

When one of a "Grand Equestrian Troop"
Makes a jump at a gilded hoop,
Not certain at all
Of what might befall
After his getting through it!

25 Q—B 2

25 Kt—Kt 5

Thus well equipped he gaily skipped,.....

26 Q—R 4

But, oh,—the worst of all your slips
I did not till this day discover,—

.....
Like chaste Diana going to hunt,
With a golden spear—which of course was blunt.

26 Kt (B 3)—K 4

27 P—Q 4

Ride out he would, and hunt he would,
Nor dreamt of ending ill;

27 Kt×B

28 Kt×Kt

28 Q×B P

.....she took to squall and kick
For pain will ring, and pins will prick,.....

29 P×Kt

29 Q×Kt ch

They reel, they sink, they gasp, they smother,
One for a moment survives his brother,
Then rolls a corpse across the other!

30 K—R 1

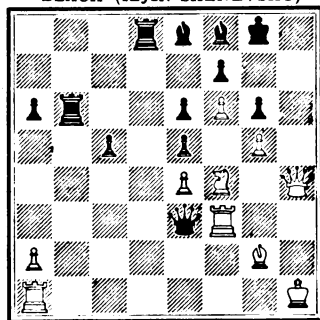
30 P×P

Next thing a lancer, with his lance
Began to thrust away;
I called for quarter, but alas!
It was not Quarter-day.

31 R—B 3

Position after 31 R—B3:

BLACK (ILJIN-SHENEVSKY)



WHITE (CAPABLANCA)

Some cumbrous sort
Of sledge-hammer retort.

31 P×Kt!

- 32 R×Q I've met with many a breeze before
But never such a blow!
- 33 Q—K I Up jumps fear in a terrible fright.
- 34 Q×P Up he jumps like a sole from the pan
And a tremor sickens his inward man,
For he feels as only a gentleman can,
Who thinks he is being "guttet."
- 35 B—B 3 Who, too apt to stare
At some castle in air.
- 36 P—R 3 The best of pages
37 Q—R 7 Whatever the ages.
- 38 Resigns. No sail to reef against a squall;
No wheel, no steering now!
- They went and told the sexton
And the sexton toll'd the bell.
.....
But still thy fame shall be among the nations
Preserved to the last course of generations.
- 32 P×R
- 33 R—Kt 7
- 34 K R—Q 7
- 35 P—B 5
- 36 B—Q 3
37 P—B 6

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Queen's Gambit Declined.

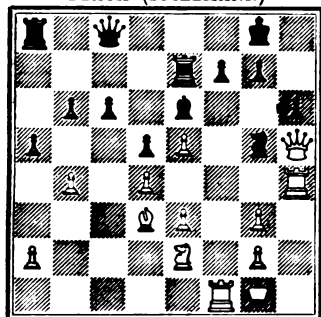
- | WHITE | BLACK | | |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|---|
| F. J. MARSHALL | R. SPIELMANN | | |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 | 11 B—K B 4 | 11 Kt—B 1 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 | 12 Kt—K 5 | |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 P—Q 4 | | Disdaining the preservation of
the Bishop (by 12 P—K R 3). |
| 4 B—Kt 5 | 4 Q Kt—Q 2 | 13 B—Kt 3 | 12 Kt—R 4 |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 P—B 3 | 14 R P×Kt | 13 Kt×B |
| 6 P×P | | 15 P—B 4 | 14 B—B 3 |
| | | 16 B P×B | 15 B×Kt |
| | | 17 R—B 4 | 16 B—Kt 5 |
| | | 18 Q R—K B 1 | 17 Q—Q 2 |
| | | 19 P—Kt 4 | 18 R—K 2 |
| | | | 19 B—K 3 |
| | 6 K P×P | | |
| 7 B—Q 3 | 7 B—K 2 | | |
| 8 Q—B 2 | 8 Castles | | |
| 9 Kt—B 3 | 9 R—K 1 | | |
| 10 Castles | 10 P—K R 3 | | |
- A declaration on White's part
that he does not want the fashion-
able defence of ... P×P, ... P—
Q Kt 4, and ... P—Q R 3.
- He wants, in case of 20
P—Kt 5, to be able to reply 20...
P×P without losing his Q P, and
throws upon White the onus of
finding another idea or of accept-
ing the draw; on the 22nd move
Marshall realises the intention and
starts another plan.
- If 10... Kt—K 5; 11
B—K B 4, threatening 12 Kt×
P and 13 B—B 7.

- 20 K R—B 2 20 B—Kt 5
 21 R—B 4 21 B—K 3
 22 Q—B 2 22 Kt—R 2
 23 Q—B 3 23 Kt—Kt 4
 24 Q—R 5 24 P—Q Kt 3
 25 R—R 4 25 Q—B 1

.....His next two moves explain the choice of Queen rather than Rook for this square. Relying upon his three pieces on the King's wing being enough to defend him there, he is following the traditional plan of trying to break through on the Queen's side where White has left himself weak.

- 26 Kt—K 2 26 P—R 4
 Position after 26, P—R 4 :

BLACK (SPIELMANN)



WHITE (MARSHALL)

- 27 R—B 6 !
 A characteristic Marshall coup !

27 Q—B 1

.....He must prevent 28 R × R P. 27... B—Kt 5 is of no use because of 28 R × B, P × R; 29 P × P; and 30 R × Kt ch.

- 28 Kt—B 4 28 P × P

.....If now 28... P × R; 29 P × P, and the various possibilities would require a page of analysis to indicate; two sample variations must suffice. If 29... K R—K 1; 30 Kt—Kt 6, P × Kt; 31 Q × P ch wins. If 29... R—Q 2; 30 Kt × B, P × Kt (Kt × Kt; 31 Q—B 5, Kt—Kt 4; 32 R—Kt 4, and wins); 31 Q—Kt 6 ch R—Kt 2 (must); 32 Q × R P, Kt—B 6 ch; 33 P × Kt (33 K—R 1, Kt × R; 34 P × R, Q × P; 35 Q × P ch, Q—B 2 leaves White to fight a difficult ending with the Exchange down); R × P ch; 34 K—B 2, Q × Q; 35 R × Q, R—Kt 4; 36 P—B 4, R—B 4 (... R—Kt 5, 37 B—K 2 wins), 37 B × R, P × B; 38 P—B 7 ch, K × P; 39 R × P, and White has the better prospects. The text move means that Black has decided to let the Queen go for two pieces in despair of finding another way out (probably with only seconds left to complete his 30th move in two hours).

- 29 Kt—Kt 6 29 P × Kt
 30 R × Q ch 30 R × R
 31 Q × Kt P 31 Kt—K 5

.....There is no saving the King's Rook's Pawn.

- 32 B × Kt 32 P × B
 33 R × R P 33 B—B 4
 34 Q—Kt 5 34 R—K 3
 35 R × R 35 B × R
 36 Q—Kt 6 36 B—Q 4
 37 P—K 6 37 R—B 1
 38 Q—B 7 ch 38 K—R 2
 39 Q—Q 7 39 R—Q R 1
 40 P—K 7 40 B—B 2
 41 Q × P 41. Resigns

GAME No. 5,647.

Sicilian Defence.

- WHITE BLACK
 A. ILJIN-SHENEVSKY Dr. E. LASKER
 1 P—K 4 1 P—Q B 4
 2 Kt—Q B 3

- 2 P—K 3
 3 Kt—B 3 3 P—Q 3
 4 P—K Kt 3

When this is intended it is usual to play the King's Knight to K 2; but if he is going to play P—Q 4 eventually it does not much matter which square be chosen.

In great favour with Zukertort, this has since his day been superseded by the immediate sortie of the other Knight.

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|------------|------------|
| 5 B—Kt 2 | 4 Kt—K B 3 |
| 6 Castles | 5 B—K 2 |
| 7 P—Kt 3 | 6 Castles |
| 8 B—Kt 2 | 7 Kt—B 3 |
| 9 P—Q 4 | 8 B—Q 2 |
| 10 Kt×P | 9 P×P |
| 11 Q—Q 2 | 10 Q—R 4 |
| 12 Q R—Q 1 | 11 Q R—B 1 |
| | 12 K—R 1 |

.....To avoid 13 Kt×Kt ;
14 Kt—Q 5 and 15 Kt×B ch,
with better game for White.

- | | |
|-------------|--------|
| 13 Q Kt—K 2 | 13 Q×P |
|-------------|--------|

.....The cautious after play
forbids the supposition that this
was other than a temporary
aberration.

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| 14 R—R 1 | 14 Q×B |
| 15 K R—Kt 1 | 15 Q×R ch |
| 16 R×Q | 16 K R—Q 1 |
| 17 P—Q B 4 | |

A mistaken policy. He should
permit ..., P—Q 4, and aim at
answering it with P—K 5. For
this purpose he has the choice
between 17 Kt—K 1 (intending
if 17..., P—Q 4, to follow with
18 Kt×Kt and 19 P—K 5) and
17 P—K B 4. Black would not
venture upon answering the latter
with 17..., P—K 4, because of
18 Kt—Kt 5, leaving Black's
Q 4 square very weak.

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| 18 P—B 4 | 17 Kt—K 1 |
| 19 K—R 1 | 18 P—Q R 3 |
| 20 Q—K 3 | 19 Kt—B 2 |
| 21 R—Q 1 | 20 R—Q Kt 1 |
| 22 Q—Q B 3? | 21 Kt—Kt 5 |
| 23 R—R 1 | 22 P—Q R 4 |

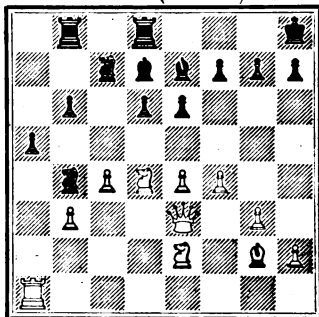
A weak move, and the cause of
embarrassment presently.

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| 24 Q—K 3 | 23 P—Q Kt 3 |
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Now the fault of his 17th move
is apparent. He is threatened
with the cramping 24 B—K B 3,
and in trying to forestall it makes
a slip, perhaps also being short of
time. Best was 24 R—Q 1, if
B—K B 3, 25 Q—Q 2.

Position after 24 Q—K 3:

BLACK (LASKER)



WHITE (ILJIN-SHENEVSKY)

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|-------------|-------------|
| 25 Kt—B 5 | 24 P—K 4 |
| 26 P×B | 25 B×Kt |
| 27 Q—Q B 3 | 26 Kt—B 7 |
| 28 Q×Kt | 27 Kt×R |
| 29 Q—K Kt 1 | 28 B—B 3 |
| 30 P×Q P | 29 P—Q 4 |
| 31 P×P | 30 Kt×P |
| 32 P—K Kt 4 | 31 B×P |
| 33 P—R 4 | 32 P—B 3 |
| 34 Kt—Q 4 | 33 P—Q Kt 4 |

Now the Black Q R P is an
obvious winner, the White minor
pieces being singularly helpless.

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| 35 Q×Kt | 34 Kt—K 6! |
| 36 B—B 3 | 35 R×Kt |
| 37 P—R 5 | 36 P—R 5 |
| 38 Q—K 2 | 37 P—R 6 |
| 39 Resigns | 38 Q R—Q 1 |

GAME No. 5,648.

King's Bishop's Gambit.

WHITE

R. SPIELMANN

BLACK

G. LÖWENFISCH

- | | |
|-----------|---------|
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 P—K B 4 | |

It was Herr Spielmann who
told us some time ago (*B.C.M.*)

1923, p. 433; 1924, pp. 1 and 59,
that the King's Gambit was on
its sickbed. Can it be that he
now regards the patient as con-
valescent? Or only that he
suspected his present opponent
of unsound views as to the
defence?

- 3 B—B 4
4 K—B 1
5 B×P
- 2 P×P
3 Q—R 5 ch
4 P—Q 4
5 Kt—K B 3

.....This counter-attack is usually considered to go better without the Queen's check.

- 6 Kt—Q B 3 .

6 Kt—K B 3 first was better. Black should have replied to the text-move with 6... Kt—Kt 5 ; 7 Kt—R 3, Kt—Q B 3.

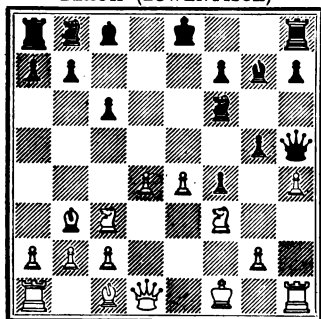
- 7 P—Q 4
7 P—B 3

.....This could wait a little, as it leaves his Q 3 square very weak ; 7... B—Kt 2 was correct.

- 8 B—Kt 3
9 Kt—B 3
10 P—K R 4
- 8 B—Kt 2
9 Q—R 4

Position after 10 P—K R 4 :

BLACK (LÖWENFISCH)



WHITE (SPIELMANN)

- 10 B—Kt 5

.....Now Black reaps the disadvantage of having tried to

combine (at moves 3, 4 and 5) two defences usually kept separate. With his King's Knight developed at K 2 in the ordinary way he could proceed here with 10... P—K R 3 ; 11 K—Kt 1, Q—Kt 3, in safety ; but as it stands that would subject him to the reply 12 Kt—K 5 !

- 11 P—K 5
12 Q×B
13 P×Q
14 Kt—K 4
15 P×P
16 K—B 2
17 P×P
18 R×R ch
19 Kt×P
- 11 B×Kt
12 Q×Q ch
13 Kt—R 4
14 P—K R 3
15 P×P
16 P—B 3
17 Kt×P
18 B×R

With a won game, as the advanced Pawn must fall soon.

- 19 Kt—Q 4
20 B—B 3
21 B—R 5 ch
22 Kt—R 3
23 P×B
24 Castles
25 Kt—B 2
26 B—Kt 4
27 B×Kt
28 Kt—K 3
29 R—Kt 1
30 K—Q 2
31 R—K B 1
32 R—B 2
33 K—K 2
34 Kt—B 1
35 K—K 1
36 Resigns
- 20 P—B 3
21 Kt—K 6
22 K—K 2
23 B×Kt
24 Kt×P
25 B—K 3
26 R—R 1
27 R—R 5
28 B×B
29 B—K 5
30 K—B 2
31 P—B 4
32 P—B 5
33 K—B 3
34 K—Kt 4
35 R—R 6
36 B—Q 6

GAME No. 5,649.

One of 22 simultaneous games at the Stratford-on-Avon Congress.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE

E. SNOSKO-
BOROVSKY.

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 B—Kt 5
4 Castles

BLACK

B. GOULDING-
BROWN.

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—Q B 3
3 Kt—B 3
4 B—B 4

.....Unusual at this stage. It has, however, had some attention in the cognate variation 3... P—Q R 3 ; 4 B—R 4, Kt—B 3 ; 5 Castles, where the Bishop can, at need, be withdrawn to Q R 2 without losing the power of driving back the White Bishop.

5 P—B 3

The line 5 Kt×P, Kt×P; 6 Kt×Kt, to be followed by 7 Q—B 3 is of no value here owing to the White Bishop being attacked by Black's recapture on move 6.

5 Castles
6 B—Kt 3

7 B—Kt 5

7 R—K 1, P—Q 3; 8 P—K R 3 is a line which tends to embarrass Black more.

7 P—Q 3
8 B×Q Kt 8 P×B

9 P×P 9 P×P

10 Q Kt—Q 2

As Mr. Goulding-Brown points out, there was nothing to gain here by 10 Q×Q, R×Q; 11 Kt×P, B—R 3!; 12 Kt×Q B P, B×R; 13 Kt×R, R×Kt; 14 K×B, R—Q 8 ch.

10 Q—K 2
11 Q—K 2 11 Q—K 3

12 B×Kt

If this is best, or even necessary, White has failed in the opening.

12 Q×B
13 P—K R 3 13 R—K 1

14 Q—B 4

His next move might better precede this one.

14 P—Q R 4

15 K R—K 1 15 B—R 3

16 Q—Kt 3 16 Q R—Kt 1

17 Q—B 2 17 K R—Q 1

18 P—B 4 18 Q—K 2

19 Q R—B 1 19 B—B 4

20 P—R 3 20 B—B 1

.....A necessary preliminary to his 23rd move.

21 Kt—Kt 3 21 P—R 5

22 Kt—R 5

The safe line was 22 Kt×B; but the simultaneous player, quite in the dark as to the strength of single opponents, is very liable to be tempted by such moves as this. The game now yields a series of highly interesting positions.

(See Diagram)

22 Q—B 3
23 Q×P 23 R×P

24 R—B 1 24 Q—B 5

25 Kt×Q B P

A capture which should have proved fatal. 25 Q R—Q 1 was the right course.

25 R×P

.....This allows victory to escape him, by permitting White to get rid of the dangerous Black Rook, after which the counter attack has not enough bite. The winning line was 25... B×P ch; 26 K—R 1, B×P!; then if 27 Kt×R, Black mates in five commencing 27... B×P ch; White would therefore have to play 27 Q Kt×P, Q—Kt 6; 28 P×B, Q×P ch; 29 Kt—R 2, B Kt 6; 30 R—Q B 2, B×Kt at R 7 31 R×R, B×Kt ch; 32 K—Kt 1 B×R, and wins.

26 K—R 1 26 B×K R P

27 R×R 27 Q×R ch

.....Now if 27... B×R; 28 R—Q 1, R—K B 1; 29 Q Kt×K P, P—B 3 (... Q—Kt 6; 30 P×B, Q×P ch; 31 Kt—R 2, B—Kt 6; 32 Q Kt—B 3 and wins); 30 Kt—Q 3, Q—Kt 5; 31 Q Kt—K 1, Q—R 4; 32 P×B, and again White is safe.

28 K—R 2 28 B×R

.....28... B—Q 2 is met by 29 R—Q 2. 28... Q—B 5 ch; 29 K—R 1 (best) is only a transposition. He has nothing better to do now than accept the draw.

29 Kt×R 29 Q—B 5 ch

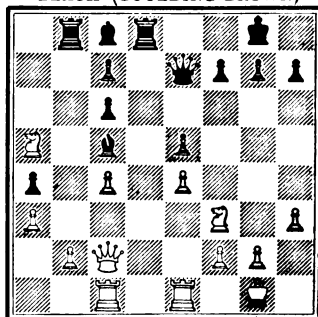
30 K—R 1 30 Q—B 8 ch

31 K—R 2 31 Q—B 5 ch

Drawn by perpetual check.

Position after 22 Kt—R 5:

BLACK (GOULDING-BROWN)



WHITE (SNOSKO-BOROVSKY)

GAME No. 5,650.

Played in the recent Championship Tournament of the City of London Chess Club.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE

W. GOODING.

BLACK

R. C. J. WALKER.

1 P-Q 4

2 P-K 4

3 P-K B 4

4 B-Q 3

1 P-K Kt 3

2 B-Kt 2

3 P-Q 3

M.C.O. gives 4 P-B 3, which is not immediately necessary, as Black dare not (after the text move) take the Pawn, *e.g.*: 4... B×P; 5 B-Kt 5 ch, P-B 3; 6 Q×B, P-K 4; 7 P×P, P×B 8 P×P, with winning advantage.

4 Kt-K B 3

.....4... Kt-Q B 3 leaves White nothing better than 5 P-B 3, and Black can then continue 5... P-K 4 with a good game; tending to show that White's last was not his best line.

5 Kt-K B 3 5 Castles

6 Castles

6 P-K 5, K Kt-Q 2; 7 Castles, P-Q B 4; 8 P-B 3 would transpose into a book variation preventing ... P-K 4; but White apparently was not concerned to prevent that.

6 P-K 4

.....Now a little premature. 6... B-Kt 5 indirectly threatens White's Queen's Pawn, which for the moment is weak.

7 B P×P

There is nothing to be gained by 7 Q P×P, P×P; 8 Kt×P, Q-Q 5 ch; 9 K-R 1, Kt×P.

7 P×P

8 P×P

8 Kt-Kt 5

9 B-K B 4

9 Kt-Q B 3

10 Kt-B 3

10 Q Kt×P

.....If 10... K Kt×K P;

11 Kt-Q 5 is a strong reply.

11 P-K R 3

11 Kt×Kt ch

12 Q×Kt

12 Q-Q 5 ch

13 K-R 1

13 Kt-K 4

14 Q-Kt 3

A move which has a singular repercussion seven moves later; hardly, however, to be foreseen at this stage.

14 Kt×B

.....The prime error; Black should on no account move this well-placed Knight. 14... P-Q B 3; 15 Q R-Q 1, Q-B 4 would allow of full development with superior position. The effect of the text move is to make every White piece active, whilst Black has still two pieces unmoved.

15 Q R-Q 1! 15 P-Q B 3

16 R×Kt

16 Q-B 5

17 P-Kt 3

17 Q-R 3

.....If 17... Q-K 3; 18 P-K 5, with 19 Kt-Q 4 to follow.

18 Kt-R 4

18 R-K 1

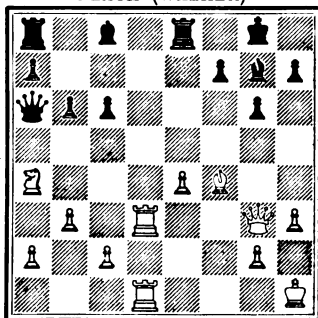
.....18... P-Kt 3 at once gives hope of developing the Bishop.

19 K R-Q 1 19 P-Kt 3

.....19... B-K 3; 20 Kt-B 5, Q×P; 21 Kt×B, P×Kt; 22 B-K 5, would be fatal to Black.

Position after 19... P-Kt 3:

BLACK (WALKER)



WHITE (GOODING)

20 R-Q 8 20 B-K 3

21 B-Kt 8! 21 R-B 1

22 R×R ch 22 B×R

.....22... K×B; 23 R— Q 8 ch, K—K 2; 24 Q—Q 6 ch, K—B 3; 25 B—B 7! and wins.		32 Q×R	Not 32 R×R, Q—Q 7 ch; 33 K—Kt 3, Q—K 8 ch and draws.	
23 R—Q 8	23 Q—B 8 ch			
24 K—R 2	24 Q—B 3			
25 Q—Q 6	25 Q—Kt 2			
26 Kt—B 3	26 P—K Kt 4			
27 Kt—K 2	27 P—Kt 5			
28 Kt—Kt 3	28 P×P			
29 P×P	29 P—K R 4			
30 Kt×P	30 Q—R 3			
31 Q—K 5!	31 R×B			
		33 R×B ch	33 K—Kt 2	
		34 R—Kt 8 ch	34 K—B 3	
		35 Q—Q 8 ch	35 Resigns	

Other games from the Moscow Tournament.

GAME No. 5,651.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
A. RUBINSTEIN		F. SÄMISCH		A. RUBINSTEIN		F. SÄMISCH	
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3		17 Kt—K 2		17 P—Q B 4	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K 3		18 P×P		18 Kt×P	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 B—Kt 5		19 Kt—Q 4		19 Kt—K 3	
4 P—K 3		4 Castles		20 Kt—K 2		20 B—Q 2	
5 K Kt—K 2		5 P—Q 4		21 P—B 5		21 Kt—Q 5	
6 P—Q R 3		6 B—K 2		22 R—B 2		22 Kt×Kt ch	
7 Kt—B 4		7 P—B 3		23 B×Kt		23 Q—B 4	
8 P×P		8 K P×P		24 P—Q R 4		24 R—K 2?	
9 B—Q 3		9 R—K 1		25 B—R 3		25 Q—K 6	
10 Castles		10 B—Q 3		26 B×R		26 Q×B	
11 P—B 3		11 Q—B 2		27 Q—Q 4!		27 R—K 1	
12 P—R 3		12 Q Kt—Q 2		28 Q R—Q B 1		28 Q—R 6'	
13 P—Q Kt 4!		13 Kt—B 1		29 R—B 7		29 Q—Q 3	
14 P—Kt 4		14 B×Kt		30 R×P		30 Q—Kt 6 ch	
15 P×B		15 P—Q R 4		31 R—Kt 2		31 Resigns.	
16 P—Q Kt 5		16 Kt—K 3					

GAME No. 5,652.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. BOGATYRTSCHUK		J. R. CAPABLANCA		F. BOGATYRTSCHUK		J. R. CAPABLANCA	
1 P—K 4		1 P—Q B 4		16 Q—Kt 3		16 Q—R 4	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 Kt—Q B 3		17 K R—Q 1		17 P—Q 4	
3 P—Q 4		3 P×P		18 P×P		18 B×P	
4 Kt×P		4 Kt—B 3		19 B×B		19 P×B	
5 Kt—Q B 3		5 P—Q 3		20 B—Q 4		20 B—B 4	
6 B—K 2		6 P—K 3		21 Q—B 2		21 Kt—Kt 5	
7 Castles		7 B—K 2		22 Q—Q 2		22 K R—K 1	
8 B—K 3		8 Castles		23 K—R 1		23 Q—Kt 5	
9 P—B 4		9 B—Q 2		24 Kt×P		24 Q×B	
10 Kt—Kt 3		10 P—Q R 3		25 Kt—K 7 ch		25 K—B 1	
11 P—Q R 4		11 Kt—Q R 4		26 Q×Q		26 B×Q	
12 Q—K 1		12 Kt×Kt		27 Kt×R		27 Kt—B 7 ch	
13 P×Kt		13 B—B 3		28 K—Kt 1		28 Kt×R ch	
14 B—B 3		14 Q—B 2		29 Resigns.			
15 R—B 1		15 Q R—B 1					

Game No. 5,653.

Vienna Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
DR. S. TARTAKOVER		A. RUBINSTEIN		DR. S. TARTAKOVER		A. RUBINSTEIN	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	20	Kt—K 3	20	Q R—Q 1
2	Kt—Q B 3	2	Kt—K B 3	21	Kt—B 5	21	B×Kt
3	B—B 4	3	Kt—B 3	22	P×B	22	Q—Q 2
4	P—Q 3	4	B—B 4	23	R—B 4	23	K R—K 1
5	B—K 3	5	P—Q 3	24	K—R 1	24	R—K 2
6	B×B	6	P×B	25	R—K 4	25	Q R—K 1
7	K Kt—K 2	7	Kt—Q R 4	26	Q—R 4	26	K—Kt 1
8	B—Kt 3	8	Kt×B	27	Q—B 2	27	P—Q Kt 3
9	R P×Kt	9	Castles	28	Q R—K 1	28	K—R 1
10	Castles	10	Kt—Kt 5	29	Q R—K 3	29	K—Kt 1
11	P—R 3	11	Kt—R 3	30	R—Kt 3	30	K—R 1
12	P—B 4	12	P×P	31	R×P!	31	R×R
13	Kt×P	13	P—K B 3	32	Kt×P	32	Q—K 2
14	Q—B 3	14	Kt—B 2	33	Kt×R	33	Q×Kt
15	R—B 2	15	Kt—K 4	34	Q—B 4	34	R—K 2
16	Q—Kt 3	16	P—B 3	35	P—B 6	35	Kt—Kt 3
17	Kt—R 5	17	Q—K 2	36	R×R	36	Kt×R
18	Q R—K B 1	18	K—R 1	37	P—B 7	37	Resigns.
19	Kt—Q 1!	19	B—Q 2				

Game No. 5,654.

Queen's Pawn Opening (in effect).

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY		J. R. CAPABLANCA		F. DUS-CHOTIMIRSKY		J. R. CAPABLANCA	
1	Kt—K B 3	1	Kt—K B 3	26	Kt—Kt 3	26	P—Kt 5
2	P—Q 4	2	P—K Kt 3	27	Kt—K 2	27	P—Kt 4
3	P—K 3	3	B—Kt 2	28	Kt—B 1	28	K R—Q B 1
4	B—Q 3	4	Castles	29	P—B 4	29	P—Kt 6!
5	Castles	5	P—Q 3	30	Kt×P	30	B—R 5
6	P—K 4	6	Q Kt—Q 2	31	Kt (Kt 1)—Q 2	31	B—Kt 5
7	P—K R 3	7	P—B 4	32	P—Kt 3	32	Kt—K 3
8	P—B 3	8	P—K 4	33	Q—Q 3	33	R—Q 1
9	P×K P	9	P×P	34	Q—K 2	34	Q R—Kt 1!
10	P—Q R 4	10	Q—B 2	35	R—B 1	35	K B×Kt
11	Kt—R 3	11	P—B 5	36	Kt×B	36	B×R
12	Q Kt×P	12	Kt—B 4	37	Q×B	37	R×P
13	Q—K 2	13	Kt×B	38	Q—Q B 1	38	R—R 7
14	Q×Kt	14	R—Q 1	39	R—B 2	39	R—Q 6
15	Q—K 2	15	B—K 3	40	Kt—B 1	40	Q R—R 6
16	Kt—R 3	16	P—K R 3	41	P—B 4	41	Q R—B 6
17	R—K 1	17	P—R 3	42	Q—K 1	42	K P×P
18	Q—B 2	18	B—Q 2	43	P×P	43	Kt×P
19	B—K 3	19	B—B 3	44	B×Kt	44	P×B
20	Kt—Q 2	20	P—Q Kt 4	45	Q—K 2	45	P—B 6
21	P×P	21	P×P	46	Q—Q R 2	46	R—B 8
22	P—B 3	22	Kt—R 4	47	R×P	47	R×R
23	Q R—Q 1	23	B—B 1	48	Q—Kt 2 ch	48	R—Kt 6
24	Kt—Kt 1	24	B—Q 2	49	Resigns		
25	Kt—B 1	25	Kt—B 5				

PROBLEM WORLD.

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THE BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

On the 26th February, Mr. B. G. Laws engaged his audience in the consideration of the problems by the late secretary, Mr. G. W. Chandler, supplemented by an outline of this popular enthusiast's career. The *Morning Post*, Chess Editor remarked in his column that those present spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. Dawson, on the 26th ult., was scheduled to give one of his airy papers dealing with fairy chess, entitled "March Hares." There is not sufficient time to make comments upon this lecture this month.

Mr. B. J. de C. Andrade is to give the last of the Society's 1925-26 season on Wednesday, the 21st April. The title is "King in the Corner," and Mr. Andrade is sure to strike something worth listening to. Note the address and time: St. Bride's Institute, St. Bride's Lane, E.C., at 6-30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

B.C.P.S. SEVENTH SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 13, by S. M. Joseph (p. 104).—1 R b6, with a dual after B f5. Four points. From *Manchester Evening News* of January 31st, 1890.

No. 14, by D. Pirnie (p. 104).—1 Q f3, with duals after Kt × P and R d8 ch. Five points. From *Falkirk Herald* of February 5th, 1913.

No. 15, by J. A. W. Hunter (p. 104).—1 Q a1. This beautiful piece of work. is from *Illustrated London News* of June 25th, 1887. Three points.

No. 16, by T. A. Brock (p. 104).—1 B f1. Three points. From *Knowledge* of November, 1895. This caught many solvers when first published.

No. 17, by A. K. Sheldon (p. 104).—1 K g7, with a dual after Q e4. Four points. A magnificent "dead block."

No. 18, by F. W. Gamage (p. 104).—1 Q d2. Three points. First prize *Western Daily Mercury*, 1904.

No. 19, by H. W. Barry (p. 105).—1 R g6, B f5 ch; 2 R e6, etc. If 1... B × R; 2 B × B, etc. If 1... B c2; 2 Kt e6 ch, etc. Points = 16 (key 10, continuations 6). There are numerous dual continuations, but the above is a sufficient solution. From *Checkmate*, 1904.

No. 20, by S. Herland (p. 105).—1 R a3, B × B; 2 R d3, etc. If 1... Q a8, b8 or × P; 2 B × B ch, etc. If 1... else., 2 Q b3 threat. Points = 16 (key 10, continuations 6). We saw this problem in the *Daily Telegraph* about 1913, but do not know the original source.

No. 21, by S. Angas (p. 105).—1 Kt (f3) × P ch, K e5 dis. ch; 2 Kt e4, etc. Points = 12 (key 10, continuation 2). This problem is quoted in the *Boys' Own Paper* for July 2nd, 1892, as by S. Angas; but it appears to be a manipulation of a four-mover by Herlin (see Dupresne's *Schachaufgaben*, vol. 2, p. 137).

No. 22. This problem has been cancelled. There should be a White Bishop on g8, and the key is R f7. By J. Berger. A revised version of an entry in the *Chess Monthly* Tourney of 1882.

No. 23, by A. Arnell (p. 105).—1 Q a6, P × Kt; 2 Q b6 ch, etc. If 1... P × B; 2 R d3, etc. If 1... P e5 or Kt × B; 2 R c3 ch, etc. If 1... Kt b5; 2 Q b6 ch, etc. White appears to be able to continue with 2 Q a3 ch after 1... P × Kt as well as above. Points = 18 (key 10, continuations 8). Second prize *Baltimore Sunday News*, 1882.

No. 24, by A. C. Challenger (p. 105).—1 R×P, threat; 2 R f5 dble. ch, etc. If 1... K c6; 2 R c7 ch, etc. If 1... K d6 or c6; 2 R a5, etc. If 1... K else; 2 R f5, etc. Points = 18 (key 10, continuations 8). From *Knowledge*, November, 1895. Note.—As no definite rule was laid down about dual mates by promotion the extra point in No. 14 above is being awarded to all solvers.

Full points for the month in Section "A" are 102. Solutions were received from C. Jolly, G. Stillingfleet Johnson and B. A. Russ (102 points); A. H. Haddy, J. A. Lewis, A. C. Vaughan and the Rev. E. W. Poynton (101); and J. Leishman (100).

In Section "B" the full points are 22. Solutions were received from G. H. G. Wise and J. R. Whalley (22 points); G. Coley and J. H. Murgatroyd (21); C. E. Rapley (12); and G. E. Hopkins (9).

Further solutions to the first twelve problems were received from: Section "A" N. N. Subramania Iyer (147 points), N. S. V. Iyer (146), N. V. Joshi (136). Section "B" P. A. Joshi (27 points).

The date for receipt of entries in the Fifth International Tourney has been extended to 31st May next.

The *Weekly Westminster* having ceased publication, Dr. Schumer has arranged to continue the chess feature in the daily *Westminster Gazette*, and offers prizes for three and four-movers on the lines of the previous twelve competitions he has conducted. The problems must appear in the *Gazette* during 1926 and January, 1927. The prizes offered are 40/-, 30/-, 20/- and 10/- for the position entered considered to be the most original in idea. The adjudication will be in the hands of B. G. Laws.

"THE WEEKLY WESTMINSTER" 1925 TOURNEY REPORT OF B. G. LAWS.

Three-Movers.

The three-movers are on the whole a fine lot, mostly rich in strategic device, and careful discrimination has been necessary to separate the two positions which should according to my lights deserve the honours of the Tourney.

No. 3,162, by B. J. de C. Andrade, is a work of cumulative strategy and stands out as a bold conception. The four-fold Nowotny idea marks this effect as a great achievement. Ingenuity is shown in fixing the four intersecting points and particularly is this the case after 1... R×Kt. I am not too sure that a Black Pawn at Q 2 could not replace the Black Queen, which would save the advanced Queen's Pawn and incidentally cut out the dual after 1... Q—K 3, but it may be considered the Queen gives the affair pomp and colour. One deplores the workless Bishop at K B 1. I have dissected the structure and failed to find any other way of preventing the Black Bishop reaching K Kt 8. The dual recorded after 1... B—Q 5, does not exist. On the whole I feel justice will be done by giving this extraordinary problem first place.

No. 3,133, by G. Heathcote, is excellent in its scheme of effecting four pin-models with a fifth model without the pin. The nature and demands of the idea necessitate captures, still, greedy grabbing is not as a rule pleasing. The key is only fair but the construction is undeniably accurate. It is a pity the White King could not stand on Q R 8 and relieve the Queen's Rook's Pawn which tells a significant tale, but this is not feasible in view of the defence of 1... K R—Q Kt 5.

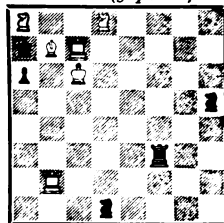
HON. MENTION.

No. 3,171, by N. M. Gibbins, with only ten men is surprisingly varied, illustrating the peculiar feature of four model mates with a pinned Queen not in the King's field. The key is a splendid one in such a dainty setting. It has not the appearance of being a block which tempts solvers to try a threatening key.

No. 3,153, by B. J. de C. Andrade, is a charming illustration of White King play to seek a spot unassailable by Black. Unfortunately in a measure this scheme has been anticipated by Dr. Otto Wurzburg, as seen in annexed diagram, which really accentuates the principal idea by the additional Black Rook, but on the other hand Andrade's in its guileless posing with the key not threatening immediate mate is a charming work.

No. 3,170, by K. Howard, is an adroit interpretation of *en passant* play in a three-mover. The idea, however, has been made the subject matter of several problems, both in two and three moves. I have not satisfied myself that the Black Knight is necessary, nor any reason why the White Bishop should not stand at K Kt 7, thus saving a Pawn.

By O. WURZBURG.
The Problem, April, 1914.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Four-Movers.

The four-movers are uncommonly good and one cannot but feel disappointed in discovering No. 3,152 (W. J. Wood) and No. 3,176 (P. F. Blake) have no solutions as both have excellent ideas and are apparently well constructed except of course the elimination of the flaws.

I have no hesitation in placing No. 3,138, by Godfrey Heathcote, first. It has a capital key, carrying a somewhat deep threat leading to two unusual model mates. The defence 1... Kt—K 1 cleverly brings about a strategical continuation with two quiet moves which also results in a model. The other defence of the Knight allows bright play with a surprising model mate with the Rook's Pawn. 1... B—Q 2 is a nice variant and gives to this piece a triple office: blocking White Q B 8 in the threat, creating a line of play and preventing a cook by 1 Q—Q Kt 1. The Black Pawn at Q Kt 6 and White's Pawn at K B 2 are necessary to stop 1 Q—R 3 and 1 Q—K 1 respectively being effective.

SECOND PRIZE.

No. 3,141, by G. F. Anderson, is extremely piquant and not a little puzzling. The author has made use of the White King, a successful feature in a number of his problems, and here his movement is ingeniously mapped out. It is astonishing the variety which has been secured with such a small White force, and it is curious to note there are no fewer than five models, though they are effected on the border line or corner.

FIRST HON. MENTION.

No. 3,180, by Kenneth S. Howard, shows skilful handling of two White Rooks in a position made a little complex through the employment of so many Pawns, four of which are necessary for securing soundness. There are four continuations from White's second move and in each there is a decided point. It is of its kind a work which should please every solver. It is not difficult, but the defence 1... P—B 5 may well make one pause.

SECOND HON. MENTION.

No. 3,179, by B. J. de C. Andrade. The double inducement by sacrifice to bring either the Bishop or Rook beyond the square of intersection by the Queen is manipulated in a clever manner, giving the strategy a flavour of the Plachutta idea. The principal weakness is the key-move. The White Queen where it is must come into the arena to be of service and the choice lies between only two squares Q 1 and K B 1. The first makes no challenge but the other, though offered to sacrifice does stir things up a bit. The lay-out is attractive and there are points in the construction which mark the work as a well-finished one. Unfortunately there are but two lines of play, this, however, has a set-off in the prominent nature of the compound illustration of a delightful theme.

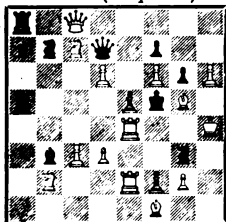
ORIGINALITY.

Of the three-movers and four-movers I have considered I regard No. 3,168, by G. Hume and D. Pirnie, as the most original. It is novel as being an extraordinary "Mutate," changing the apparent promotions of the Pawn to Rooks

to promotions to Bishops. One would like to see the White Bishop dispensed with as it is seen that it is not required in the continuations as set, but it is easy to point out these little matters, whereas to suggest anything better is another thing, and this but emphasises the difficulties the authors must have faced in the course of construction.

First Prize.

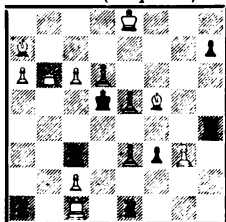
By B. J. de C. ANDRADE.
BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (14 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

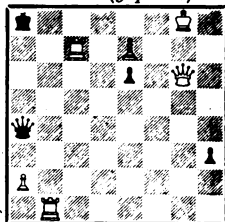
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WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. Mention.

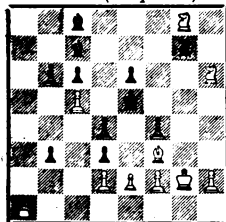
By N. M. GIBBINS.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

First Prize.

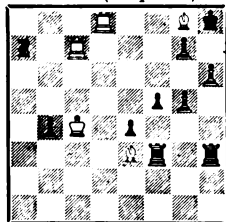
By G. HEATHCOTE.
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in four.

Second Prize.

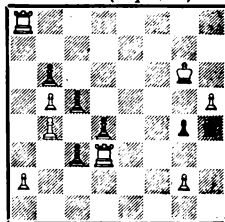
By G. F. ANDERSON.
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in four.

First Hon. Mention.

By KENNETH S. HOWARD
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in four.

"DRESDNER ANZEIGERS TOURNEY."

First Prize.

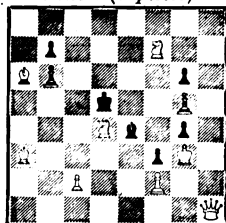
By M. FEIGL.
BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

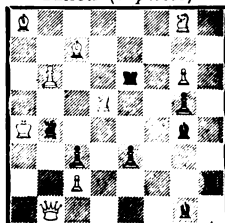
By K. NIELSEN.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By K. ERLIN.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

Fourth Prize: W. Usath. Hon mentions: F. Palitzsch and H. Vetter.

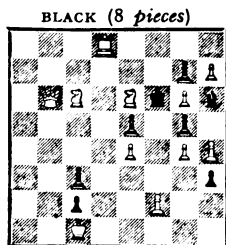
REVIEWS.

Streifzüge durch das Gebiet des Schachproblems. This is a collection of problems by the well-known German problem composer, Dr. Hermann von Gottschall. There are given 761 problems of his own, supplemented by others introduced for explanatory and comparative purposes. Every position is commented upon and the volume is most interesting, showing the diversity of styles, which the author can treat in a graceful manner. The principal defect appears to us to be the absence of information as to origin of publication or date of composition. Among the problems are some beautiful specimens of the art. There are nearly 250 large pages, well-packed with letterpress and diagrams, with a portrait of the author as a frontispiece. The publishers are Walter de Gruyter and Co., Berlin, W.10.

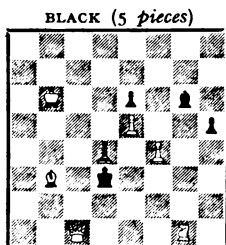
Sam Loyd und seine Schachaufgaben, edited by W. Massmanne. The popularity not only of the great American composer, the late Sam Loyd, but also that masterly record of his works and history, presented by Mr. Alain C. White to the "Problem World" in 1913 is evidenced by this tribute from Germany. It is intended to issue a German translation of Mr. White's instructive and entertaining commentary in parts at 10 pf. each, and we hope the enterprise will be successful. The publishers are Hans Hedewig's Nacht., Curt Ronniger, Perthesstrasse 10, Leipzig.

Seventy More Chess Problems and Puzzles.—This is in the nature of a supplement to the collection of problems by C. D. Locock, published in 1912. Mr. Locock has for many years past interested himself and also his friends in conceptions out of the usual rut, presenting propositions of an original character. There are here 28 direct mates the remainder being self-mates, help-mates, with a mixture of unorthodox problems, amusing and startling, something to make a change from the ordinary daily fare one is accustomed to face. One might say the contents are refreshing and novel. We quote three samples to show the deft hand he possesses. The book is published at 2/6 by the *Chess Amateur*, Stroud, and is nicely presented.

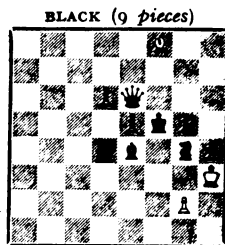
By C. D. Locock.



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.



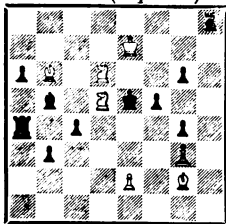
WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.



WHITE (3 pieces)
Black to play and help
White to mate in four
moves.

The XVIIth International Problem Competition for unpublished problems is announced for 1926. Mr. Alberto Mari, the judge, will report on 30th March, 1927. The prizes are: For two movers, 1st prize, 100 lire; 2nd, 50; 3rd, 25; for three movers, 1st prize, 150 lire; 2nd, 75; 3rd, 30. There will be special prizes for the best change mate in the two-ers and for the best strategy in the three-ers. Apply Dr. A. Luiselli, C. p. 1207, Genova.

No. 2558 (corrected)
By B. G. LAWS
BLACK (0 pieces)



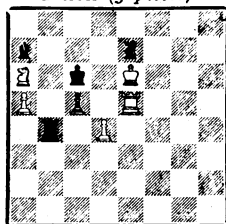
WHITE (11 pieces)

We sent to press in error an early and unsound version of this problem. As one or two solvers have made remarks upon the originality of the little scheme, we reproduce it in the form which it finally took.

We believe we have never given an example of "Fairy Chess," which comes under the denomination of "Maximummer." This term may need some explanation to many of our readers. It is simply that Black is compelled to make the longest move (lineal measurement) he has available. White is not restricted. Our contributor points out the initial setting is symbolic of the letter W. If the Black Pawn is removed, White can mate in three; and if White Pawns are omitted, also mate in three.

By GABRIEL G. NASRA
(Paris).

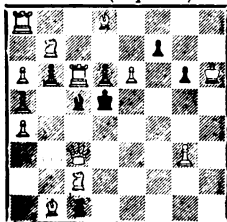
"Maximummer."
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in four.

Narodni Osvobozeni.—First International Three-move Tourney. Unlimited entries; joint compositions accepted. To be received by 31st May next by M. Kostal, Praba-Vinohrady Moravska 27, Czecho-Slovakia. Prizes: 600, 450, 300, 200, 100 and 50 Czecho Crowns Motto and sealed envelope arrangement to be observed. Judge: V. Cisar.

By W. LYON
(Ashton-in-Makerfield)
BLACK (8 pieces)

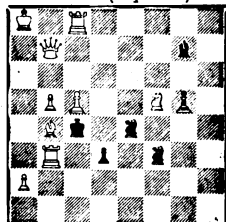


WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in three.

"DAILY NEWS"
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DECEMBER, 1925.

PRIZE
PROBLEMS.

By C. MANSFIELD
(Bristol)
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

The *Wiener Schachzeitung* is again running a Solvers' Problem Competition. Solvers have a month available, and are credited with marks for solutions, for proof of non-solutions, secondary keys, etc.; for two-ers only the key move is to be given; for three-ers, all variations up to White's second move; for four-ers up to the third move, etc. The points secured are carried forward, the leader each month being credited with four Marks, to be taken in chess books or as subscription, and then can start again. Thus every solver has a chance of gaining ultimately at least one prize.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (January) 2,547 to 2,550—(February) 2,551 to 2,554 inclusive.

* Dr. Tennant Bruce (215) 5-0-0-10 (230) 5-5-10-0 (250); R. W. Clark (Canada) (155); † A. T. Cannell (535) 5-10-10-0 (560) 5-5-20-0 (590); * W. H. Cutland (615) 5-0-0-10 (630) 5-5-20-20 (680); J. W. Davis (295); * J. C. Derlien (280) 5-10-10-10 (315) 5-5-20-0 (345); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) (180) 5-10-0-10 (205); J. Espinosaf (Barcelona) (70); A. Galbraith (160); † Albert H. Haddy (630) 5-10-10-10 (665) 5-5-20-20 (50); * Rev. F. D. O'D. Hoare (30); Iyer. N. N. Subramania (Malabar, India) (85); †† G. Stillingfleet Johnson (220) 5-10-10-10 (255) 5-5-20-20 (305); * N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (90 + 25 Dec. = 115) 5-10-10-10 (150); † Frederick Lee (345) 5-10-10-10 (380) 5-5-20-20 (430); * J. A. Lewis (25) 5-10-10-10 (60) 5-5-20-20 (110); * Hubert Lees (130); T. N. R. Leistikow (285) D. Murray (360) 5-10-10-10 (395) 5-5-10-0 (415); * Johannes Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (395 + 25 Dec. = 420) 5-10-10-10 (455) 5-5-20-20 (505); † A. Peacock (225) 5-10-10-0 (250) 5-5-10-0 (270); E. W. Punnett (360) 5-10-0-10 (385) 5-5-10-0 (405); T. Rosenfield (510); G. V. Sethapathy Rau (Madras) (55 + 30 Dec. = 85); Rev. J. Schipper (380) 5-10-0-10 (405) 5-5-20-0 (435); O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110); * "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (30) 5-10-10-10 (65); R. G. Tyzack (340) 5-10-10-10 (375) 5-5-20-0 (405); A. C. Vaughan (470) 5-10-10-10 (505) 5-5-20-0 (535); Rev. E. Wells (370) 5-10-10-10 (405) 5-5-10-0 (425); W. A. Way (Malay States) (465 + 30 Dec. = 495); H. A. Warwell (190) 5-10-10-10 (225) 5-5-10-0 (245); G. Wilton (February) 5-5-10-0 (20).

The successes for January and February are respectively A. H. Haddy, who has been three times on top, and W. H. Cutland.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,551, by K. Nielsen.—1 Q—R 8. A smart idea accentuated by the defences of 1... Q—B 6 and Q—B 2, in the one case the Queen nullifies the guard of the Rook and in the other, that of the Bishop.

No. 2,552, by A. Ellerman.—1 K—B 4. A rather aggressive key, but the self-pinning of the Queen's Knight is a good feature. There are some good variations.

No. 2,553, by Dr. F. Rduch.—Author's key: 1 B—Kt 5. He evidently overlooked (as we did) the potency of 2 Q—K 1 ch, which accounts for 1 B—Q 2 and R 6 answering.

No. 2,554, by K. A. L. Kubbel.—1 R—B 2, B×R; 2 P—Q 3, R×P (If 2..., Kt—Q 3; 3 Kt—B 6 dbl ch); 3 Q—Kt 4. If 1..., P×R; 2 Q—B 7 ch, K×Kt; 3 Q×P ch. If 1..., Kt—Q 3; 2 Kt—B 3 dbl ch, K—B 5; 3 B—K 6 ch. If 1..., (threat); 2 Q—B 7 ch. A remarkably fine key to an ingenious design. It abounds in alluring tries, the most deceptive one which has caught a few solvers being 1 K—B 7. This is met by 1..., P—Q 6.

By Dr. F. Rduch (p. 150).—1 R—K Kt 4, K×Kt; 2 P—Q 4 ch. If 1..., Kt moves; 2 B—K 4 ch. If 1..., P—B 4; 2 Kt×P. If 1..., P×B; 2 Q—R 6. If 1..., B moves; 2 Q—Kt 8 (×B). Although the key deprives the Black King of a move, this is quite difficult due chiefly to the quiet second moves, that after 1..., P—B 4 being very good.

By K. A. L. Larsen (p. 153).—1 R—Kt 6. The key-move is fairly easy to find, but the after play with the peculiar discovered mates is cleverly worked out.

By K. Hannemann (p. 153).—1 Kt—Kt 4. The self-pinning of the Queen is not much of a feature here, seeing the suspended position of the Knight which makes the key. There are some neat effects in the play.

By F. Simhovici (p. 153).—1 Q—B 7. The scheme of this two-mover is shown in the Black Queen's defences, and in this respect it strikes us as rather original. It is a pity the Black Bishop is used as it restricts White's movements, but it seems to be useful to secure soundness.

By R. Hannemann (p. 153).—The White Rook at Q 1 should be a Bishop. 1 Kt—K 2, P—Kt 5; 2 P×P. If 1..., B—B 3; 2 B—B 2. If 1..., P—B 3; 2 R—B 8. If 1..., Kt—B 3; 2 R—K 3. If 1..., B—K 8; 2 B—K 5. If 1..., others; 2 R—B 5 ch. Black's occupancy of K B 3 produces some ingenious results, some of the play is not at all obvious. There is a deal of variety considering the White Queen is not used.

By L. Vetesnik (p. 153).—1 Q—K Kt 1, K×Q Kt; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1..., K×K Kt; 2 Kt—B 3 ch. If 1..., Kt—Kt 5 or B 8; 2 B—B 3 ch. If 1..., Kt—B 6, P×P, etc.; 2 K Kt—B 6. The mating nets are a little familiar, but the general effects are produced skilfully.

By F. Simhovici (p. 153).—1 Q—Kt 4, P—R 6 (threat); 2 B—Q 3. If 1..., Kt×P; 2 Q×B P ch. If 1..., B—R 2; 2 Q—Kt 8 ch. If 1..., Kt—K 3; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1..., R×Q B P; 2 P×R. A nicely designed combination with a very satisfactory key-move, but what a dose of Pawns!

By E. Kadera (p. 153).—1 Q—Q 4, B×Q; 2 B—K 4. If 1..., P×Q; 2 B—Q 3. If 1..., R×Q; 2 B—Kt 6 or B 5. If 1..., K×B; 2 Q×Q P ch, etc. If 1..., others; 2 B—Kt 7 ch. Quite a tricky conceit, but comfortably solved, one reason being that the Queen must figure in the play and from a dramatic point 1 Q—Q 4 is so attractive!

By C. F. Haidik (p. 153).—1 Q—Q R 8, Kt—B 3; 2 Q—R 2. If 1..., R—B 8; 2 Q—Q 5 ch. If 1..., K—K 8; 2 Q—K 4 ch. If 1..., R—Kt 6 or 7; 2 Q—R 1 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—B 3 ch. Quite a good variety of second moves by Queen, but they mostly lead to rather commonplace mates. Still it must be borne in mind White has only Queen and Rook to manipulate.

By J. Vasta (p. 153).—1 K—Kt 2, B×Kt; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., K Kt moves (×P); 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1..., others; 2 R—Q 3 ch. The feature of this problem is the two pin models, which are rather unusual. The key is good and the threat uncommon, but there is not much variety.

By Howard and White (p. 154).—1 R—K B 4. A peculiar and amusing arrangement. Although the Queen functions only as a Bishop in the solution, she assists in misleading the solver, as after 1..., P×R at Q B 4; 2 Q—Q 2 is a mate prepared.

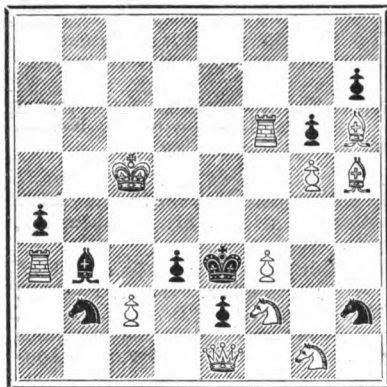
By C. H. Brockelbank (p. 155).—1 R—Kt 5, K—Kt 3; 2 B—B 5, K—B 4; 3 B—Kt 6 dis ch, K—Q 5; 4 R—B 5, Kt×K P mate. The "switchback" in this case is with Rook and Bishop. Without the Bishop at R 8 the following would answer: 1 R×P, K—Kt 3; 2 R—B 8, K—B 4; 3 R—B 5 ch, K—Q 5; 4 P—Kt 6.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,559.

By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE
(London).

BLACK (9 pieces)



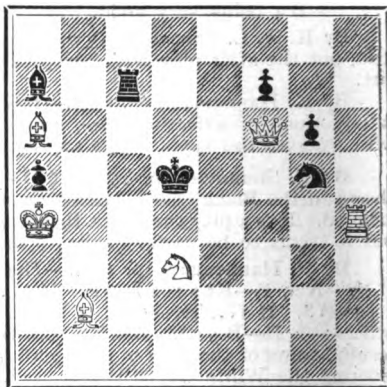
WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,560.

By GUIDO CRISTOFANINI
(Genoa).

BLACK (7 pieces)



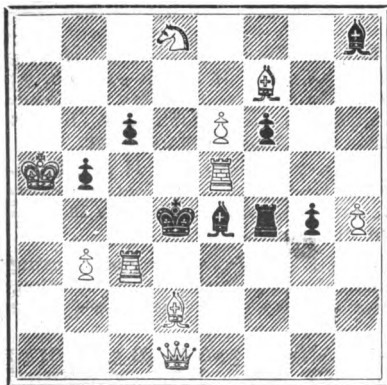
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,561.

By P. S. MILNER-BARRY
(Cambridge).

BLACK (8 pieces)



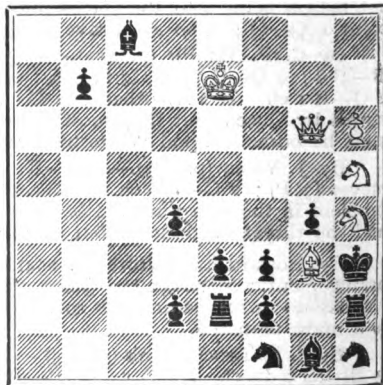
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,562.

By D. PRZEPIORKA
(Warsaw).

BLACK (14 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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WESTON CHESS FESTIVAL.



Some of the Competitors and Pressmen, taken before the opening of play.

The third biennial West of England Chess Congress was opened by Councillor E. S. Stradling, chairman of the Urban District Council, in the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday morning, April 3rd.

It will be recollected that the first congress, held in 1922, resulted in a brilliant victory for the veteran, J. H. Blake, against masters of international renown; and the second, in 1924, was won by the young Dutch champion, Max Euwe, with a margin of half a point from Sir G. A. Thomas.

After a few words of welcome from the Chairman, play in all seven tournaments commenced punctually at 9-30 a.m.

The Major Open included six of those who had competed in 1924, the newcomers being the Belgian champion, Edgar Colle, who is well-known as a strong and resourceful player; the ingenious Midlander, T. H. Tylor, who secured fourth prize in the B.C.F. Championship at Stratford last year; his fellow club-member, H. E. Price, who has often shown to advantage in strong tournaments; and the Hampstead player, M. E. Goldstein, who has held the championship of Middlesex for the past two seasons.

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FIRST ROUND, Saturday morning, April 3rd.

	Opening.	Result.
Colle v. Goldstein ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Goldstein won. (41).
Euwe v. Drewitt ..	<i>English Opening</i>	Euwe won (45).
Thomas v. Price ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Thomas won (30).
Blake v. Spencer ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Blake won (28).
Taylor v. Bolland ..	<i>Four Knights Game</i>	*Drawn (54).

* Adjourned.

Blake had the satisfaction of winning the first game in the tournament against Spencer, who developed his Q B prematurely at Q Kt 2, and on the 12th move made a bad mistake, giving Blake a Pawn and a very strong King-side attack.

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Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK	
J. H. BLAKE	E. SPENCER	Q Kt 4 ? (P—K B 4 was necessary and would have given White a strong attack), B—Kt 4! 19 B×B, Q×B winning the K P.
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	13 Q—Q 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	14 P—K R 4
3 B—Kt 5	3 P—Q R 3	15 Kt×Kt P!
4 B—R 4	4 Kt—B 3	13 P—Kt 3
5 Castles	5 B—K 2	14 Kt—K 3
6 R—K 1	6 P—Q Kt 4	15 B P×Kt
7 B—Kt 3	7 Castles	Of course, if 15... R P×Kt; 16 R×Kt.
8 P—B 3	8 B—Kt 2	16 R×Kt
9 P—Q 4	9 Kt—Q R 4	17 P—R 5
10 B—B 2	10 P—Q 4	18 P×P
11 Kt×P	11 Kt×P	19 P×R ch
12 P—B 3	12 Kt—Kt 4 ?	20 B—R 6
.....A fatal blunder. In the 6th round against Price, Spencer played the better move 12... Kt—K B 3, and there followed 13 B—Kt 5, Kt—B 5; 14 P—Q Kt 3, Kt×Kt; 15 P×Kt; Kt—Q 2; 16 Q—Q 3, P—Kt 3; 17 B—R 6, R—K 1; 18 P—		21 P—Q Kt 3
		22 Kt—Q 2
		23 P—K Kt 4
		24 K—Kt 2
		25 R—R 1
		26 P—Q B 4
		27 B—K 3
		28 P×P
		16 R—B 2
		17 Q—Q 2
		18 Q×R
		19 Q×P
		20 Kt—B 5
		21 Kt—Q 3
		22 B—Q B 1
		23 P—R 4
		24 P—Kt 5
		25 B—R 3
		26 R—Q 1
		27 P×P
		Resigns

Price played the opening in indifferent form against Thomas, who secured the better game by a temporary Pawn sacrifice on the Queen-side. In an endeavour to neutralize this advantage by a counter demonstration on the other wing, Price allowed a Rook to be cut off, and as he could secure no more than a Pawn for it he resigned.

Drewitt conducted the opening in excellent style against Euwe, reaching an equal end-game after the moves 1 P—Q B 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 4 P—Q 4, P×P; 5 Kt×P, B—Kt 5; 6 Kt—B 2 (Réti advocates P—K Kt 3 at once), B×Kt ch; 7 P×B, P—Q 4!; 8 P×P, Q×P; 9 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 10 P—Kt 3, Castles; 11 B—Q 2, R—K 1; 12 B—Kt 2, Kt—B 3.

Soon an ending with only R, Kt and Pawns resulted, but Drewitt wasted a couple of moves with his King, which cost the draw, as the entry of Euwe's Knight decided the issue.

Colle's game with Goldstein furnished the surprise of the round. White obtained an advantage in the early stages of the game, and compelled the weakening advance of Black's K P and K B P, but instead of advancing on the King-side by P—K Kt 4 he weakened his Queen-side position, where Goldstein gradually obtained the advantage. Both players had an exciting race with the clock, in which Colle lost first a Pawn and then a piece.

Bolland adopted the difficult Metger variation of the Four Knights, and Tylor obtained the superior position, but failed to make the most of it. After that Bolland gave him no further chances, and an interesting end-game with only a Bishop and Pawns each was drawn shortly after the resumption of play.

SECOND ROUND, Saturday evening, April 3rd.

	Opening.	Result.
Drewitt v. Colle	<i>Alekhine's Defence</i>	*Colle won (49).
Thomas v. Euwe	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Euwe won (20).
Spencer v. Bolland	<i>Nimzovitch's Defence</i>	*Spencer won (72).
Price v. Blake	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Price won (34).
Tylor v. Goldstein	<i>Irregular Defence</i>	Goldstein won (37).

* Adjourned.

Euwe adopted one of the Grünfeld variations of the King's Fianchetto Defence, and exerted considerable pressure on Thomas' weak Queen-side Pawns. On the 19th move, when there was still considerable resistance in his game Thomas lost a piece by a blunder—a sad blow to British hopes.

Blake, probably tired by the morning's game, played the opening very slackly and Price quickly won material, the game running 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 B—Kt 5, P—Q R 3; 4 B—R 4, Kt—B 3; 5 Castles, B—B 4; 6 P—B 3, B—R 2; 7 R—K 1, P—Q Kt 4?; 8 B—Kt 3, Castles; 9 P—Q 4, P×P; 10 P—K 5, Kt—K 1; 11 B—Kt 5, Kt—K 2; 12 P×P, P—R 3; 13 B—K R 4, P—Kt 4?; 14 B×P!, P×B; 15 Kt×P, Kt—Kt 2; 16 Kt×P, R×Kt; 17 B×R ch, K×B; 18 Q—B 3 ch, and wins.

Bolland also played the opening very weakly, and allowed Spencer to do as he pleased, so that White won the Exchange and a Pawn while retaining a strong grip on the position. He then relaxed his efforts and lost a couple of Pawns, and Bolland, putting up a very hard resistance, nearly escaped with a draw.

After some original opening play on both sides Tylor gained the advantage owing to the weakness of Goldstein's isolated Queen-side Pawns, and the latter, therefore, embarked upon a King-side attack which proved more effective than appeared at first sight. Tylor missed a chance to secure two Rooks for a Queen with advantage, and instead led into a lost end-game by exchanging Queens; in an attempt to avoid loss of material he fell into a Mate on the move.

Colle won a Pawn in the middle-game but was confronted with serious technical difficulties, having Rook, 2 Knights and 6 Pawns against Rook, 2 Bishops and 5 Pawns. He solved his problem in exemplary style, and at the adjournment had forced off one of Drewitt's Bishops, with a win in sight.

At the end of the first day's play, Euwe and Goldstein shared the lead with a score of 2, a whole point ahead of the rest of the field.

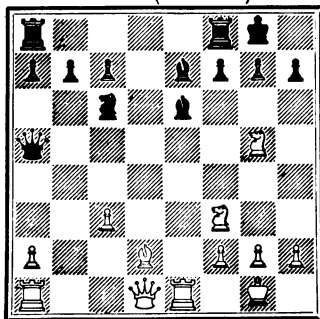
THIRD ROUND, Monday morning, April 5th.

	Opening.	Result.
Colle v. Price	<i>Réti's Opening</i>	Colle won (43).
Euwe v. Spencer	<i>Two Knights' Defence</i>	Drawn (29).
Blake v. Thomas	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Blake won (63).
Bolland v. Goldstein	<i>English Opening</i>	Bolland won (41).
Drewitt v. Tylor	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Drewitt won (32).

* Adjourned.

Euwe gained no advantage whatsoever out of the opening, and by more accurate handling of the end-game with a Pawn ahead Spencer should have won. After Black's 13th move the annexed position was reached:—

BLACK (SPENCER)



WHITE (EUWE)

The continuation was:—

14 Q—Kt 1	14 B—K B 4
15 Q×P	15 Q—Kt 3
16 Q×Q	16 R P×Q
17 Kt—Q 4	17 Kt×Kt
18 P×Kt	18 B—B 3

.....Black has a clear advantage in the end-game.

19 Kt—B 3	19 P—B 4
20 B—K 3	20 P—Q Kt 4
21 Kt—K 5	21 R—R 5
22 Q R—Q 1	22 R×R P
23 P—Kt 4	23 B×Kt

.....23.., B—B 7; 24 R—Q 2, B×Kt; 25 P×B, P—B 5 would perhaps win for Black despite Bishops of opposite colour.

24 Kt P×B	24 P×P
25 B×P	25 B×B
26 R×B	26 R—R 5

.....His last chance of doing anything was 26.., R—R 2 and if 27 R—Q Kt 4, R—Kt 2.

27 R—Q 5	27 R—Q Kt 5
28 R—K 7	28 R—Kt 1
29 R—Kt 7	Drawn

Tylor on his 13th move rejected the chance of playing Kt×K P, which later analysis showed would in all probability have won for him, and Drewitt, after securing a strong Pawn at K B 6, won by some fine end-game play.

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WHITE	BLACK
J. A. J. DREWITT	T. H. TYLOR
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K Kt 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 B—Kt 2
4 P—K 4	4 P—Q 3
5 P—B 4	5 Castles

6 Kt—B 3	6 P—B 4!
7 P—Q 5	7 P—K 3
8 P×P	

Other moves also result in Black's favour according to the latest investigations.

9 P—K 5	8 P×P	21 P—R 3	21 Kt—B 7
10 Q×Q	9 P×P	22 R—K 5	22 Kt—Q 5
11 P×P	10 R×Q	23 B—Kt 2	23 Kt—B 3
12 B—Kt 5	11 Kt—Kt 5	24 R—Q 5	24 R×R
13 Kt—K 4	12 R—Q 2	25 P×R	25 Kt—K 4
	13 Kt—Q R 3?	26 P—B 4	26 Kt×P ch

.....Here 13... Kt×K P
probably wins, although the play
is very intricate.

14 Kt—B 6 ch	14 B×Kt	29 P—B 8 (Q) ch	28 K—Kt 2
15 P×B	15 P—K 4	30 R×P	29 K×Q
16 P—K R 3	16 P—K 5	31 K—R 2	30 Kt—B 4 ch
17 P×Kt	17 P×Kt	32 R—Q 7	31 Kt—Q 3
18 P×P	18 Kt—Kt 5		Resigns
19 K—B 2	19 P—Kt 3		
20 R—K 1	20 B—Kt 2		

Black has no longer a valid
defence.

Goldstein adopted a symmetrical form of the defence which yields White the initiative, and Bolland playing in fine style soon forced open the Q R file with a winning positional advantage on the Queen-side. Black could find no effective counter on the other wing, and lost a Pawn, the rest being a question of time.

Price made the mistake of playing his Q B P two squares instead of one, as a result of which he had "hanging Pawns" on Q 4 and Q B 4 which proved a welcome mark of attack for Colle's pieces. White later won one of the Pawns, and finished off the end-game by some neat play.

Thomas played the usual close form of the Morphy Defence to the Lopez with 5... B—K 2, and a hard game left a blocked position at the adjournment which seemed likely to end in a draw, as whoever tried to win might easily lose.

FOURTH ROUND, Monday evening, April 5th.

	Opening.	Result.
Taylor v. Colle	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Colle won (27).
Black v. Euwe	<i>Sicilian</i>	Euwe won (38)
Thomas v. Bolland	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Thomas won (27).
Spencer v. Goldstein	<i>Irregular Defence</i>	*Goldstein won (67).
Drewitt v. Price	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Drawn (26).

* Adjourned.

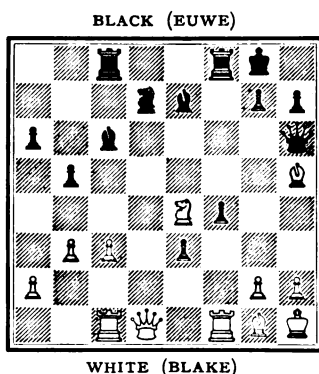
There was some unusual opening play in Thomas' game against Bolland, which ran 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, B—B 4; 3 P—B 4, P—K 3; 4 Kt—B 3, P—Q B 3; 5 P×P, K P×P; 6 B—B 4, Kt—B 3; 7 P—K 3, B—K 2; 8 B—Q 3, B×B; 9 Q×B, Castles; 10 Castles, Kt—R 4; 11 B—K 5, P—B 4; 12 P—Q R 3, Kt—Q 2; 13 P—Q Kt 4, P—Q R 3; 14 Kt—Q R 4, P—Q Kt 4; 15 Kt—B 5, Kt×Kt; 16 Q P×Kt, and White broke through on the Queen-side and established a strong passed Q Kt P, which won in a few moves.

Taylor obtained a very good position against Colle, but in an attempt to force matters he sacrificed a piece for a promising attack, overlooking that his opponent had prepared a defensive resource which left Taylor a piece down without any compensation.

Drewitt secured a small advantage against Price, but the latter opened the Q R file by the advance of his Queen-side Pawns and exchanges reduced the game to a drawn end-game.

Blake with approximate equality against the "Scheveningen" variation of the Sicilian lost a Pawn by a sheer oversight, and Euwe obtained two very strong centre Pawns far advanced.

Euwe wound the game up by 31... B—R 6; 32 R—R 1, B×Kt; 33 Q×Kt, B×P ch; 34 K×B, Q×B; 35 R×P, R×R; 36 Q×R ch, B—B 1; 37 Q—K 6 ch, K—R 1; 38 Q×K P, Q—Q 4 ch (a fortunate resource!); 39 Resigns.



Spencer very quickly obtained the mastery in the opening (1 P—K 4, P—Q 3; 2 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3) and by threatening to double Rooks on the seventh rank he won a Pawn with what should have proved a winning end-game. From here on he once more relaxed his efforts and just before the adjournment Goldstein recovered his Pawn, although White still had the advantage.

FIFTH ROUND, Tuesday, April 6th.

<i>Opening.</i>				<i>Result.</i>
Colle v. Bolland	English Opening .. ..	.. ..	Drawn (37).	
Euwe v. Tylor	Queen's Pawn Game .. ..	.. ..	Euwe won (41).	
Spencer v. Thomas	Giuoco Piano .. ..	.. ..	Drawn (22).	
Drewitt v. Blake	Queen's Pawn Game .. ..	.. ..	Drawn (43).	
Goldstein v. Price	Queen's Pawn Game .. ..	.. ..	Price won (41).	

Spencer and Thomas quickly agreed a draw with Q and R each and Bishops of opposite colour in a locked position offering no chances to either player.

Colle's game with Bolland reached by transposition a position in the King's Fianchetto Defence to the Q.P. which gives White a strong game, but Bolland put up a very stout resistance and created no weaknesses in his camp. Colle brought his heavy pieces on to the open Q B file and threatened to win on the Queen-side, but Bolland found the correct defence and by judicious exchanges secured an ending with only Queens and Bishops of opposite colour—a capital piece of defensive strategy.

Goldstein played a couple of weak moves in the opening which gave Price the chance to threaten a strong King-side attack, and playing in very good style he won the game just before the adjournment.

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Notes by M. E. Goldstein.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE
M. E. GOLDSTEIN
1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4
3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—Q 2
5 Q Kt×B

For the stronger alternative
5 Q×B see Game No. 5,660.

6 P—K 4

Restricting the range of his own
King's Bishop later on. Better
was 6 Q—B 2, P—Q 3 (or P—Q 4);
7 P—K 3.

7 B—Q 3

8 Castles

9 P×P?

Bad, but even after 9 Q—Kt 3,
Q Kt—Q 2 threatening P×P and
Kt—B 4, Black has already the
better game.

10 Q—B 2

11 P—Q R 3

12 K R—K 1

13 B—B 1

9 P×P

10 Kt—B 3

11 Kt—K R 4

12 Kt—B 5

13 P—K Kt 4!

.....Showing up White's
position in its true light. He
must move his Queen's Knight to
a worse square to provide a flight
square for his King's Knight.

14 Kt—Kt 3

15 Q R—Q 1

16 K Kt—Q 2

17 Q—B 3

18 Kt—R 1

14 P—Kt 5

15 Q—B 3

16 P—Q R 4

17 P—R 4

The position of this Knight
speaks well for the variation
adopted.

19 Kt—B 2

20 Q×Kt

21 Kt—Kt 1

18 Kt—Q 5

19 Kt×Kt

20 K—Kt 2

Since his 6th move White had
no good squares for his Knights.

22 R—K 3

23 Kt—B 3

24 Kt—K 2

25 Kt×Kt

21 P—K R 5

22 B—K 3

23 P—B 3

24 Q R—Q 1

25 P×Kt

.....The weakness of White's
King's Pawn settles the result:

26 R (K 3)—Q 3

27 R×R

28 R—Q 2

26 R×R

27 Q—K 4!

If P—B 3, P—Kt 6 gives Black
an easily won end-game after
exchange of heavy pieces.

28 B—B 1

29 P—B 5

White's position is quite un-
tenable apart from the fact that
he had to make twelve moves in
four minutes.

30 R—Q 6

31 Q—Q 2

32 Q×P

33 B×P

34 Q×Q

35 B—B 1

36 K—Kt 2

37 K×P

38 K—Kt 2

39 R—Q 8

40 R—Q 2

Resigns

29 P—B 6

30 Q×K P

31 P—B 3

32 P×P

33 Q—K 8 ch

34 R×Q ch

35 P—Kt 6!

36 P×R P

37 R×B

38 R—Kt 8

39 B—B 4

40 R—Q R 8

Black has played the whole game
in his best form and gained a
thoroughly well-deserved victory.

Tylor played one of his unusual defences against Euwe, and
obtained no disadvantage in the middle-game, but was perhaps too
venturesome on his 20th move. The end-game was very difficult
for both sides, Euwe having a Bishop locked away on the Queen-side
but threatening to arrive on either the 7th or 8th rank with his Rook.
As a result he won a Pawn and, although there was much play in the

game, the result was inevitable, and Tylor recognising this courteously telephoned his resignation before resuming play.

Blake playing well got the upper hand of Drewitt and won two Pawns with a strong attack. Then in answer to a check with a Rook he rashly interposed his own and allowed an exchange, instead of moving his King, which would have won for him in a few moves. As a result he could only prevent perpetual check by the loss of his material advantage, and so a draw was agreed upon.

In the afternoon two adjourned games from the previous rounds were played off, and neither resulted as anticipated. First, Thomas, after the exchange of all the heavy pieces, reached an equal end-game against Blake with two minor pieces and Pawns each, but by an oversight removed a piece from the defence of a vital Pawn, which fell and with it the game.

Spencer had a very strong passed Q R P against Goldstein and very rightly sacrificed a Pawn to shut Black's Bishop out of the game. Black, however, secured a passed K B P and Spencer made a slip which resulted in Goldstein obtaining Bishop and 4 Pawns against Rook and 2 Pawns with two united passed wing Pawns which won easily.

The scores after the completion of the fifth round were: Euwe $4\frac{1}{2}$, Colle $3\frac{1}{2}$, Goldstein 3, Blake, Price and Thomas $2\frac{1}{2}$ each, Bolland, Drewitt and Spencer 2 each, and Tylor $\frac{1}{2}$. Euwe and Colle seemed marked out for the first two prizes and the chief interest was to see who would come third.

SIXTH ROUND, Wednesday, April 7th.

		Opening.	Result.
Blake v. Colle	.. ..	<i>Alekhine's Defence</i>	*Colle won (60).
Bolland v. Euwe	.. ..	<i>English</i>	Euwe won (39).
Thomas v. Tylor	.. ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Tylor won (13).
Price v. Spencer	.. ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Spencer won (41).
Goldstein v. Drewitt	.. ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	Drawn (22).

* Adjourned.

There was an early sensation here, Thomas omitting to leave a flight square for his Queen, which was trapped, and he resigned on the thirteenth move! 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q B 3; 4 Kt—B 3, Kt—B 3; 5 P—K 3, Kt—K 5; 6 B—Q 3, P—K B 4; 7 Castles, Kt—Q 2; 8 Kt—K 1, B—Q 3; 9 B×Kt, B P×B; 10 Q—R 5 ch, P—Kt 3; 11 Q—R 6, B—B 1; 12 Q—B 4, Kt—B 3; 13 P—B 3? ?, Kt—R 4!; Resigns.

Shortly afterwards Goldstein and Drewitt came down to a drawn ending in 22 moves with Q and Kt against Q and B and equal Pawns. This occasioned an expostulation by a spectator, who expressed his opinion that draws should not be permitted unless at least thirty moves had been played!

The remaining three games were in progress until near the adjournment, when two of them ended suddenly.

Bolland once more made a very doughty fight but his weak doubled King-Pawns were a permanent weakness in his position. Towards the end of the game he won a Pawn with his Queen, reckoning on the retreat Q—Q 4 to save him, but he then observed that his opponent had prepared a combination commencing with a Queen-sacrifice which would have left him two Pawns up in a won ending. Bolland accordingly chose the greater evil, which enabled Euwe to storm his position in a few moves.

Spencer adopted the same defence as against Blake in the first round, but improved on his line of play in that game and Price lost his important K P through neglecting to protect it. Black assumed the initiative, and was able to double Rooks on the seventh rank two Pawns ahead, which led to a Mate in two just before lunch.

Blake made little of the first move and Colle gained the initiative by the advance of his Queen-side Pawns. At the adjournment Blake seemed to have some drawing chances with equal Pawns and Bishops of opposite colours, but on resuming play he missed the elegant drawing line pointed out by him immediately the game was over, and after that he had no defence.

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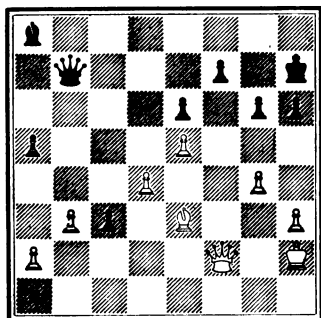
Alekhine's Defence

WHITE		BLACK			
J. H. BLAKE		E. COLLE			
1 P—K 4		1 Kt—K B 3		21 R—Q 2	21 Kt×B ch
2 Kt—Q B 3		2 P—Q 4		22 R×Kt	22 P—Kt 5
.....Leading to a slightly inferior variation of the Centre Counter. Alekhine recommends as best 2.., P—K 4.				Black has now the better game.	
3 P×P!		3 Kt×P		23 R—K 3	23 B—Q Kt 4!
4 B—B 4		4 Kt×Kt		24 R—Q 1	24 Q—Kt 3
5 Q—B 3!		5 P—K 3		25 P—K R 3	25 K R—Q 1
6 Q×Kt		6 Kt—B 3		26 R—Q 2	26 R—Q 4
7 Kt—B 3		7 B—Q 2		27 P—B 4	27 Q R—Q 1
8 Castles		8 B—K 2		28 R—K 4	28 B—R 3
9 P—Q 4				29 B—B 2	29 B—Kt 2
Colle considers that White could play 9 Q×P, B—B 3; 10 Q—Kt 3 and survive the attack.				30 R—K 1	30 Q—R 2
10 B—B 4		9 Castles		31 R—Q B 1	31 B—K 2
11 Q R—Q 1		10 B—B 3		32 P—Kt 3	32 B—Q 3
12 Q—Kt 3		11 Kt—K 2		33 B—K 3	33 B—R 1
13 B—K 2		12 P—Q Kt 4!		34 Q—B 2	34 B×Kt
14 B—Kt 3		13 Kt—Q 4		35 B P×B	35 R (Q 4)—Q 2
15 Kt—K 5		14 R—Kt 1		36 K—R 2	36 P—R 3
16 P—Q B 3		15 P—Q R 4		37 Q—Q 1	37 Q—Kt 2
17 Q—B 2		16 B—K 1		38 Q—Kt 4	38 K—R 2
18 P—Kt 3		17 R—B 1		39 Q—K 2	39 R—B 2
19 Q—Kt 2		18 P—B 4		40 R (Q 2)—B 2	40 R×R
20 P×P		19 P×P		41 Q×R ch	41 P—Kt 3
		20 Kt—B 6		Black's sealed move, which he considers was inferior to 41.., K—Kt 1.	
				42 P—Kt 4	42 R—Q B 1
				43 Q—B 2	43 R—B 6
				44 R×R	44 P×R

(See Diagram)

Position after Black's 44th move.

BLACK (COLLE)



WHITE (BLAKE)

45 K—Kt 3 ?

White subsequently pointed out that 45 P—Q 5 ! draws. The point is that Black's Queen is tied to his King's Bishop's Pawn, and if 45.., P×P; 46 B—Q 4 followed

by Q—B 2, and the strong diagonal K R 1—Q R 8 is closed for good.

46 P—Kt 5 45 P—B 7

It is now too late for 46 P—Q 5, P×P; 47 B—Q 4 as Black simply Queens his Pawn. Black now forces the advance of White's K R P and then wins it.

47 B—B 1	46 P—R 4
48 Q—K 2	47 Q—B 2
49 Q—B 2	48 Q—B 3
50 Q—K 2	49 K—Kt 1
51 P—R 3	50 B—Kt 2
52 Q—K 3	51 Q—R 8
53 P—K R 4	52 B—Kt 7
54 Q—Q 2	53 B—Q 4
55 K—R 2	54 Q—B 6 ch
56 K—Kt 3	55 Q—R 8 ch
57 K—R 2	56 Q—B 6 ch
58 Q—B 2	57 Q—Kt 5
59 P—Kt 4	58 Q—K 5
60 K—Kt 3	59 Q—R 8 ch
Resigns	60 Q×B

SEVENTH ROUND, Thursday morning, April 8th.

	Opening.	Result.
Colle v. Spencer	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	Colle won (27).
Euwe v. Goldstein	<i>English Opening</i>	Euwe won (35).
Drewitt v. Thomas	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Thomas won (47).
Bolland v. Blake	<i>English Opening</i>	Drawn (44).
Tylor v. Price	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Price won (33).
* Adjourned.		

Colle's pieces were better placed than his opponent's, and after advancing his K P he was able to post a Knight at Q 6. Spencer was practically compelled to capture it and hoped to catch the passed Pawn by shutting off Colle's Rook, but Colle wound up with a pretty sacrifice of his Queen. The passed Pawn would have won for him in any event.

GAME No. 5,659.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK		
E. COLLE	E. SPENCER	9 B×P	9 P—Q R 3
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	10 Castles	10 P—Q R 4 is often played.
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—K 3		10 P—Kt 4
3 P—B 4	3 Kt—K B 3	11 B—Q 3	11 B—Kt 2
4 Kt—B 3	4 Q Kt—Q 2	12 Q—K 2	12 P—B 4
5 B—Kt 5	5 B—K 2	13 B—Kt 1	13 R—Q B 1
6 P—K 3	6 Castles	14 P—K 4	14 P×P
7 R—B 1	7 R—K 1	15 K Kt×P	15 R—B 5
8 B—Q 3	8 P×P	16 K R—Q 1	16 Q—Kt 3

17 Kt—B 3
18 B×Kt
19 P—K 5
20 Kt—K 4
21 R×R
22 Kt—Q 6

17 P—R 3
18 Kt×B
19 Kt—R 2
20 K R—Q B 1
21 R×R
22 B×Kt

was 22.., Kt—B 1, upon which
23 Kt×B is manifestly to White's
advantage.

23 B×Kt ch
24 P×B
24 Kt—K 5
26 Q×R!
27 P—Q 7

23 K×B
24 B—Q 4
25 R—K 5
26 B×Q
Resigns

.....In view of the threat
B×Kt ch! the only alternative

Euwe's game with Goldstein transposed into a form of Réti's Opening, and White obtained an advantage owing to the weakness of Black's square at Q 3. The following position was reached on Black's 24th move after an exchange of Rooks. Euwe won the ending in a few moves by the continuation:—

25 P—Kt 5!
26 P×P
27 Q—P
28 Q—Q 4
28 B—B 6
29 Kt—B 4
30 Kt—Q 6

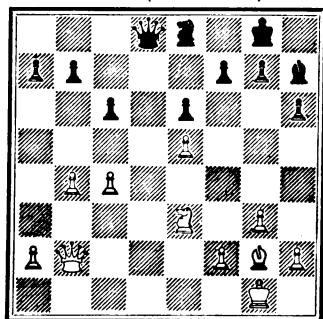
25 P×P
26 Q—B 2
27 P—Kt 3
28 K—B 1
29 P—B 3
30 Kt×Kt

.....Forced, for if instead
30.., P×P; 31 Kt×Kt, Q×B!
then simply 32 P×Q, P×Q;
33 P—B 7.

31 P×Kt
32 P—Q 7
33 Q—R 4
34 Q×P!
35 P—Q R 4

31 Q—Q 1
32 B—Kt 3
33 Q—B 2
34 Q—Q 1
Resigns

BLACK (GOLDSTEIN)



WHITE (EUWE)

Thomas gradually gained the advantage against Drewitt and playing in his usual form wound up in good style. It was a curious coincidence that in this round on three consecutive boards the winners offered the sacrifice of their Queen! It should be mentioned that both Drewitt and Thomas were very short of time in the last five moves of the second hour.

GAME No. 5,660.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE
J. A. J. DREWITT
1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4
3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—Q 2
5 Q×B

BLACK
Sir G. A. THOMAS
1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K 3
3 B—Kt 5 ch
4 B×B ch

The recapture with the Q Kt
did not give good results in this
tournament.

5 P—Q 4

In the fourth round against
Drewitt, Price played 5.., P—

Q Kt 3; 6 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 2;
7 P—K Kt 3, Castles; 8 B—Kt 2,
P—Q 3; 9 Castles, Q Kt—Q 2;
10 K R—Q 1, Q—K 2; 11 Q R—
B 1, P—Q R 3; 12 Q—B 2,
P—B 4 with equality.

6 Kt—B 3
7 P—K 3
8 R—B 1
9 B—Q 3
10 P×P

6 Castles
7 R—K 1
8 P—B 3
9 Q Kt—Q 2

Freeing Black's game. But if
10 Castles, Black could open up
by 10.., P×P; 11 B×P, P—K 4.

11 Q—B 2	10 K P×P	30 R—K B 2	30 Q—K 5
12 Kt—Q 2	11 Q—K 2	31 Q—R 3	31 R—K 1
13 Castles	12 Kt—B 1	32 Kt—Q 7	32 Kt×Kt
14 Kt—B 3	13 Q—Q 3	33 Q×Kt	33 R—Q 5
15 K R—K 1	14 Kt—Kt 3	34 R (Q 1)—K B 1	34 Q—K 6
16 B×Kt	15 B—Kt 5	35 K—R 1	35 Q×R
17 Kt—K 5	16 R P×B	36 Q×R ch	36 K—R 2
18 Q—Kt 3	17 B—B 4	37 Q—Kt 5	37 P—B 5
19 Kt—R 4	18 R—K 2	38 R—K Kt 1	38 P—B 6
20 Kt—B 5	19 R—Q B 1	39 Q—Q 7	39 R×P
21 Kt (B 5)—Q 3	20 P—Q Kt 3	40 Q—R 3 ch	40 R—R 5
22 P—B 4	21 P—K Kt 4	41 Q×P	41 P—Kt 3
23 Q×B	22 B×Kt	42 R—Q 1	42 R—K 5
24 P×P	23 P×P	43 P—Q R 4	43 R—K 6
25 P×P	24 P—B 4	44 Q—B 1	44 R—K 7
26 K R—Q 1	25 P×P	45 R—Kt 1	45 P—Q 5
27 P—Q Kt 3	26 R—Kt 2	46 R—Q 1	46 Q—K 6
28 R—B 2	27 Q—K 3	47 R—B 1	47 Q—K 5
29 Q—Kt 3	28 R—Kt 5	Resigns	
	29 Q—B 4		

Tylor made a couple of indifferent moves in the opening which resulted in Price securing the initiative, and subsequently he was in his element when delivering a strong King-side attack. Tylor gave up his Queen for a Rook to stem the attack, but Price avoided the pitfalls in his path and won as he pleased.

Bolland opened 1 P—Q B 4, P—Q B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—Q 4; 3 P—Q Kt 3, Kt—B 3; 4 B—Kt 2, B—B 4; 5 P—Q 3, P—K 3; 6 Kt—B 3, P—Q 5; 7 Kt—Q Kt 1, B—Kt 5 ch; 8 Q Kt—Q 2, P—B 4, against Blake, and the latter operated on the Queen-side and won a Pawn. Bolland made play with his two Bishops and after Blake had missed the correct winning continuation a draw resulted.

After the seventh round Euwe with 6½ and Colle with 5½ were assured of the first two prizes, but no less than seven players had the chance of at least sharing in third prize, the remaining scores being Goldstein, Price and Thomas 3½ each, Blake and Spencer 3 each, Bolland and Drewitt 2½ each, Tylor bringing up the rear with 1½.

EIGHTH ROUND, Thursday evening, April 8th.

	Opening.	Result.
Thomas v. Colle	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Drawn (61).
Price v. Euwe	<i>Sicilian</i>	Euwe won (40).
Tylor v. Spencer	<i>Four Knights' Game</i>	Drawn (26).
Goldstein v. Blake	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Goldstein won (48)
Bolland v. Drewitt	<i>Three Knights' Game</i>	Drawn (42).

* Adjourned.

Tylor seemed to have a slight pull against Spencer, but nothing came of it and a series of exchanges led to an early draw.

The most exciting game of the round was undoubtedly Price's effort against Euwe, which proved very entertaining to the gallery. He sacrificed his Queen for a strong attack, but his fireworks did not come off, as Euwe found the flaw in his combination.

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Sicilian Defence.

WHITE

H. E. PRICE

- 1 P-K 4
2 Kt-K B 3
3 Kt-B 3
4 P-K Kt 3

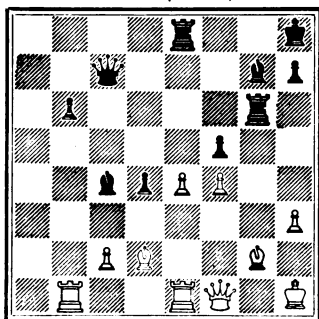
BLACK

M. EUWE

- 1 P-Q B 4
2 Kt-Q B 3
3 Kt-B 3

Position after Black's 27th move.

BLACK (EUWE)



WHITE (PRICE)

- If White intends to fianchetto his KB against the Sicilian, his KKt should be developed on K 2 instead of KB 2.
- 5 P×P
6 B-Kt 2
7 Castles
8 R-K 1
9 Kt P×Kt
10 R-Kt 1
11 P-Q 3
12 B-Q 2
13 P-B 4
14 B-B 3
15 Q-K 2
16 P-K R 3
17 P-K Kt 4
18 Q-B 1
19 Kt×Kt
20 B-Q 2
21 P×P
22 P-Q R 4
23 K-R 1
24 P-R 5
25 P×P
26 P-B 4
27 P×P

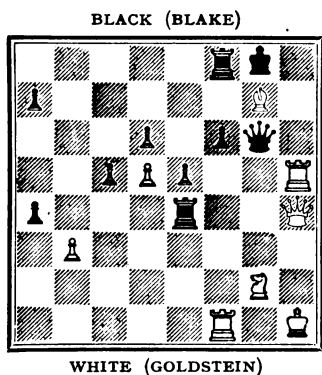
- 4 P-Q 4!
5 Kt×P
6 P-K Kt 3
7 B-Kt 2
8 Kt×Kt
9 Castles
10 P-K 4
11 Q-B 2
12 B-K 3
13 P-K B 3
14 Q R-Q 1
15 P-Kt 3
16 K R-K 1
17 B-B 2
18 Kt-Q 5
19 B P×Kt
20 P-B 4
21 P×P
22 R-Q 3
23 R-Kt 3
24 K-R 1
25 P×P
26 P-K 5
27 B×P

- 28 P×P! ?
29 R×R ch
30 R×B ch
31 B×B
.....The flaw in White's combination.
- 28 B×Q
29 B-B 1
30 K-Kt 2
31 Q×Q B P
32 R-K 1
33 R (B 8)-K 8
34 R (K 8)-K 7 ch
35 B-Kt 2
36 R (K 7)-K 6 ch
37 R (K 6)-K 5 ch
38 R (K 5)-K 4 ch
39 R-Kt 4 ch
40 R×R
Resigns
- 32 Q×B
33 R-Q B 3
34 K-B 3
35 R-B 8
36 K×P
37 K×P
38 K-Kt 6
39 K-B 7
40 Q×R ch

Bolland had the advantage in an ending with Knight and Bishop each, but he won two Pawns in the wrong order, and at the adjournment was only one Pawn up with Bishops of opposite colour and a hopeless draw, a result which was agreed upon without further play.

The two remaining games, which had a material effect upon the order of the prize-winners, were unfinished until Friday morning.

Goldstein and Blake reached a locked position in which the former was able to commence a successful attack on the King. Blake had a Bishop completely shut out of the game on the Queen-side, and sacrificing a piece for two Pawns to bring it into play, he opened lines on the Queen-side. Being short of time Goldstein did not find the best continuation, and at the adjournment the following curious position arose.



P, P—Kt 7; 45 R (R 6)—Kt 6 ch, Q×R (there is no need for this, and 45.., K—R 1; 46 R—R 6 ch would draw); 46 R×Q ch, K—B 2? (playing for a win! Black has nothing better than 46.., K—R 1 when 47 R—R 6 ch leads to an original kind of perpetual check, for if 46.., K×B; 47 R—B 6 ch and 48 R—B 1) 47 R—Kt 7 ch, K×B; 48 R—Kt 7 and Black resigned.

Thomas and Colle had a very hard positional struggle out of the opening moves 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q Kt 3; 4 P—K Kt 3, B—Kt 2; 5 B—Kt 2, B—Kt 5 ch (probably best; Blake in the same round against Goldstein got an inferior game by 5.., P—Q 3; 6 Castles, B—K 2; 7 Kt—B 3, Castles; 8 Q—B 2, Q Kt—Q 2; 9 P—K 4, Kt—K 1; 10 B—K 3, B—B 3; 11 Q R—Q 1, P—Kt 3; 12 B—R 6); 6 B—Q 2, B×B ch; 7 Q Kt×B, Castles; 8 Castles, Q—K 2; 9 Q—B 2, P—Q 3; 10 P—K 4, P—K 4; 11 K R—K 1, Q Kt—Q 2; 12 P—Q R 3, P—Q R 4; 13 P—Kt 3, Kt—K 1; 14 Kt—B 1, P—Kt 3. An amusing incident happened here: Thomas played 15 Kt—R 4 and Colle replied 15.., Kt—Kt 2, both players being too short of time to notice that White had left his Q *en prise*, and that Black only had to play 15.., P×P to obtain probably a won game! The continuation was 16 P—Q 5, P—K B 4; 17 P×P, Kt×P; 18 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 19 P—B 4, P—K 5 with some advantage to White.

In the second hour Colle gave up a Pawn for the attack, and later missed a sacrificial line which would have given him winning chances. At the adjournment Thomas had retained his Pawn ahead with a dangerous attack, but Colle defended very well and found the right time, move very gradually simplifying the game by judicious exchanges until a drawn ending Q and 2 P v. Q and P was reached, as even an exchange of Queens would have left only a drawn Pawn ending.

Despite the flaws on both sides, this was one of the best contested games of the tournament.

The position had cleared after the eighth round, Euwe and Colle being now certain of 1st and 2nd prizes, while the third prize lay between Goldstein (4½) and Thomas (4), who were drawn against each other in the last round.

It was White's turn to seal his move, and after half-an-hour's deliberation he rejected the winning line 41 Kt—B 4!, R×Kt; 42 R×R, P×R; 43 B×R on the grounds of a fanciful perpetual check by 43.., Q—Kt 8 ch; 44 K—R 2, Q—B 7 ch, which White can easily evade; and elected instead to sacrifice his Queen by 41 B×R, R×Q ch; 42 R×R, P×P! (best; if 42 K×B; 43 R×P, Q—B 2; 44 Kt—K 3 probably wins for White); 43 R—R 6, Q—K 5; 44 R (B 1)×

NINTH and FINAL ROUND, Friday evening, April 9th.

Opening.				Result.
Colle v. Euwe	.. ..	Queen's Pawn Game	.. ..	Drawn (23).
Goldstein v. Thomas	.. ..	Four Knights' Game	.. ..	Drawn (14).
Spencer v. Drewitt	.. ..	Petroff	.. ..	Drawn (24).
Blake v. Tylor	.. ..	French Defence	.. ..	Drawn (26).
Price v. Bolland	.. ..	Ruy Lopez	.. ..	Bolland won (36).

Thomas was compelled to play for a win against Goldstein to come into the prize list, and adopted an inferior defence to the Four Knights' game (4... P-Q R 3). As a result he had difficulty in equalising the game, and on the 14th move a position with only major pieces and Bishops of opposite colour was left. Seeing no chance of winning Thomas offered a draw, which enabled Goldstein to win the third prize.

Colle and Euwe quickly changed off Queens, and a series of exchanges left an end-game with only Knight and Pawns each.

Two other games in this round, Blake v. Tylor and Spencer v. Drewitt, also very quickly came down to drawn games without any special feature of interest, and it was left to Bolland to instil some excitement into the hitherto placid round. He embarked on an enterprising King-side attack as second player against the Lopez, and obtained the better game. Price naturally countered on the Queen-side, where he opened up a file and made a promising sacrifice, but overlooked one flaw in it, that Black had a Mate in two. And so the tournament ended as it began—with a blunder!

GAME No. 5,662.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE		BLACK			
H. E. PRICE		Capt. P. D. BOLLAND			
1 P-K 4		1 P-K 4		19 Kt×R P	19 P×P
2 Kt-K B 3		2 Kt-Q B 3		20 B-K Kt 3	20 P×P
3 B-Kt 5		3 P-Q R 3		21 K×P	21 K-Q 2
4 B-R 4		4 Kt-B 3		22 P-R 4	22 Q R-K Kt 1
5 Castles		5 B-K 2		23 Kt-B 5	23 Kt-Kt 5
6 R-K 1		6 P-Q Kt 4		24 Q-B 1	24 B-Kt 4
7 B-Kt 3		7 P-Q 3		25 Kt-Q 2	25 Kt-R 7
8 P-B 3		8 Kt-Q R 4		Loss of time, as White obviously will not capture this Knight.	
9 B-B 2		9 P-B 4			
10 P-Q 4		10 Q-B 2		26 Kt-K 3	26 Kt-Kt 5
11 B-Kt 5				27 Q Kt-B 1	27 Kt-K B 3
This Bishop is driven back with loss of time, and assists Black to build up his attack. The usual Q Kt-Q 2 is more prudent.				28 P×P	28 P×P
12 P-Q 5		11 B-Kt 5		29 R-R 3	29 B-Kt 3
13 B-K R 4		12 P-R 3		30 Q-R 1	30 Kt-Kt 2
14 B-K Kt 3		13 P-Kt 4		31 R-R 7	31 Q-Kt 3
15 P-K R 3		14 P-R 4		32 R-R 6	32 Q-Q 1
16 B-R 2		15 P-R 5		33 Kt×B P	33 P×Kt
17 Q-Q 3		16 B-R 4		34 Q-R 4 ch	34 K-K 2
18 Q-K 3		17 P-B 5		35 Q-B 6	35 Q-B 1
		18 P-K Kt 5		36 R-R 7	36 Q-R 6 ch
				The only defence, but sufficient! Mate next move is inevitable.	

The winner, Dr. Max Euwe, undoubtedly played the soundest chess and thoroughly deserved his success. He did not often display his great combinative talents, and was content to give his opponents many chances to beat themselves, which they seized with avidity; but he won many a fine positional struggle and his style is more mature and "correct" than when he was last in England.

The second prize winner, E. Colle, after a bad start played some fine end-games and is undoubtedly a very ingenious player who, with a little more steadiness, should do well in international tournaments. He enjoyed much better health at Weston than at Hastings last Christmas, and attributes his success largely to this factor.

The success of the third prize winner, Goldstein, was as unexpected to himself as to the other players. He had some good fortune and was not happy until he had secured a lost opening (which happened in his first five games!). He distinguished himself by the uniform regularity with which he ran short of time in every hour of every game, without, however, making any grave blunders.

Thomas played far below his real form, and made more blunders in one tournament than he is accustomed to make in a full year's chess. He was undoubtedly suffering from want of practice, having played no serious chess since the Marienbad tournament of May, 1925, owing to his Badminton tour in Canada during the autumn, which deprived him of the chance of gaining practice in the annual City of London Chess Club Championship. When he once obtained an advantage, however, he pressed it home in his usual style.

Bolland once more played some hard games and thoroughly earned his place. He was never easy to beat, and shows continuous improvement with every tournament in which he competes.

Spencer plays the opening and middle game in first-class style, and had he played his end-games with the same care and accuracy which distinguish his conduct of the other branches of the game, he would have been a prize-winner.

Blake felt the strain of two rounds a day was too much, and there was a marked difference in the quality of his morning and evening games on the three double-round days. He had no luck, missing draws against Colle and Goldstein and probable wins against Bolland and Drewitt.

Drewitt probably played the soundest chess of the English players, but could only win a single game.

Price had three good wins to solace him, but his score was marred by a couple of losses in the last two rounds.

Taylor is a very ingenious player who gave the impression of trying for too much. He laid claim to "playing the world's worst chess" during the Congress, but some of the other competitors might legitimately have aspired to this dubious distinction! With a sounder style he would have greatly improved upon his score, for he gave all the players except Price an exceedingly hard fight.

We had been under the impression that this tournament was unique in the large number of blunders made during the week, but we find that the same claim has been made for the previous congress at Weston!

MAJOR OPEN TOURNAMENT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prize.
1 Dr. M. Euwe	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	8	I
2 E. Colle	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 M. E. Goldstein	O	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	5	III
4 Sir G. A. Thomas	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	I	O	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 Capt. P. D. Bolland	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	
6 E. Spencer	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	
7 J. H. Blake	O	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
8 J. A. J. Drewitt	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 H. E. Price	O	O	O	I	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 T. H. Tylor	O	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	—	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Lean started off as if he was going to put the Open Tournament in his pocket, but in the sixth round, with his score $4\frac{1}{2}$ out of 5, he lost to Mrs. Holloway and a further loss to Terrill in the eighth round brought him back to the field.

Littlejohn actually drew his first six games, and as he lost in the next round he was out of the running. Terrill had a good chance but he lost two adjourned games in which he was a Pawn down.

After the eighth round the issue was still very open, there being only two points between first and ninth. The scores were: Lean $5\frac{1}{2}$, Mansfield 5, O'Hanson, Parsons and Terrill $4\frac{1}{2}$ each, Littlejohn and Norman 4, and Mrs. Holloway and Lawrence $3\frac{1}{2}$ each. In the final round Mansfield, the well-known problemist, engaged in a brilliant attack against Lean, which he concluded in first-rate style:

GAME No. 5,663.

Nimzovitch's Defence.

WHITE	BLACK		
C. MANSFIELD	R. E. LEAN	13 Kt—K 2	13 B—B 4
1 P—K 4	1 Kt—Q B 3	14 K R—Kt 1	14 Q—R 6
2 P—Q 4	2 P—K 4	15 R—Kt 3	15 Q×P
3 P×P	3 Kt×P	16 Q—B 3	16 B×B
4 P—K B 4	4 Kt—Kt 3	17 Q×B	17 Q—R 5
5 B—K 3	5 Kt—R 3	18 Q R—Kt 1	18 Q—B 3
.....A typical Lean eccentricity, but hardly good.		19 Kt—Q 4	19 Q R—B 1
6 Kt—Q B 3	6 B—Kt 5	20 P—B 5	20 Kt—K 4
7 Q—Q 4	7 Q—K 2	21 Q—K 4	21 K—R 1
8 Castles Q	8 B×Kt	22 B—Kt 5	22 Kt—Q 6 ch
9 Q×B	9 Q×P	23 Q×Kt	23 Q—K 4
10 R—K 1	10 Castles	24 P—B 6	24 R—K Kt 1
11 Q×P	11 P—Q 3	25 P×P ch	25 Q×P
12 B—Q 3		26 Kt—B 5	26 Kt×Kt
		27 Q×Kt	27 R—B 4
		28 Q×R!	Resigns

A Pawn sacrifice justified by the fact that White had to play for a win.

12 Q×Kt P

.....For upon P×Q; 29 B—B 6! naturally follows. But what can one expect from a problem composer?

Terrill beat Mrs. Holloway; O'Hanlon easily beat Wright, and they accordingly shared 2nd and 3rd prize with Lean. Mrs. Holloway had the consolation of defeating two of the prize-winners.

OPEN TOURNAMENT.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prize.
1 C. Mansfield	—	I	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	6	I
2 R. E. Lean	O	—	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	O	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	} II- <i>ex</i> III <i>aq.</i>
3 J. J. O'Hanlon	O	O	—	I	O	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4 F. H. Terrill	I	I	O	—	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 P. C. Littlejohn	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
6 H. Parsons	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
7 P. J. Lawrence	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4	
8 R. M. Norman	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4	
9 Mrs. Holloway	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 G. Wright	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	

In the First Class "A" the local player, Viveash, made hacks of the field. Ursell lost his last two games, but just came into the prize list. The form of the Oxonian, Crothers, was far too bad to be true.

FIRST CLASS, SECTION A.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prize.
1 S. W. Viveash	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	8	I
2 L. Vine	O	—	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 P. A. Ursall	O	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5	III
4 G. C. Brown	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 S. Meymott	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6 A. D. Barlow	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	O	4	
7 E. B. Puckridge	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4	
8 F. F. Finch	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 E. G. Rodway	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 A. H. Crothers	O	O	O	O	O	I	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I $\frac{1}{2}$	

In the First Class "B" Graham lost his last game to Hart through adopting the Budapest Defence, and Ward was able to tie with him for first prize. The longest game of the Congress was played between S. J. Holloway and C. H. Taylor, running to 116 moves before Holloway with R, 2 Bishops and 2 Pawns against a lone Q, forced Taylor's capitulation.

FIRST CLASS, SECTION B.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prize.
1 Comdr. R. D. Graham ..	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	O	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	} I- <i>ex</i> II <i>aq.</i> III
2 H. Ward	O	—	I	O	I	I	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	6	
3 E. F. Fardon	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4 G. Powell	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	I	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5	
5 Mrs. Sollas	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
6 S. J. Holloway	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7 A. H. Hart	I	O	O	O	O	—	O	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4	
8 H. H. Elliott	I	O	O	I	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	O	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 C. H. Taylor	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	
10 P. Sullivan	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	

Lupton May drew an ending a Pawn down against Miss Chater in the final round, and thus gained undivided 3rd prize in the Second Class "A." This was the last game concluded of the whole Congress.

SECOND CLASS, SECTION A.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prize.
1 J. Keeble	—	0	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	8	I
2 F. W. Trent	I	—	0	I	0	I	I	I	I	I	7	II
3 E. Lupton May	0	I	—	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	III
4 C. A. Mann	0	0	I	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	6	
5 S. J. Osborn	0	I	0	0	—	I	I	I	I	I	6	
6 Miss Chater	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	I	I	I	5	
7 H. J. Salter	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	I	I	I	3	
8 W. G. Gough	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	—	I	I	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 J. T. D. Halford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10 Mrs. Vine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	

Miss Andrews had the distinction of being the only lady prize winner of the Congress in 2nd Class "B." Had Rhys won his last game instead of losing it, he would have shared third prize.

SECOND CLASS, SECTION B.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prize.
1 Miss Andrews	—	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	0	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	} I- ex II aq. III
2 A. C. Steadman	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3 W. Barker	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	6	
4 N. Rhys	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5	
5 W. L. Wakefield	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5	
6 A. H. Reeve	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7 J. E. Coleman	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	I	4	
8 Hon. A. Lowther	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 R. O. Platt	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	0	3	
10 Miss Eveling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	—	I	

THIRD CLASS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prize.
1 F. J. Lusty	—	0	0	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	7	I
2 W. H. Eyles	I	—	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	0	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 O. J. Smith	I	0	—	0	I	I	0	I	I	I	6	III
4 H. Shorney	0	I	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	0	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 H. W. Tidball	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
6 G. P. L. Hudson	0	0	0	I	0	—	I	I	0	I	4	
7 K. I. McCreagh	0	0	I	0	0	0	—	I	I	I	4	
8 Mrs. Healey	0	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	I	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 Mrs. Battrum	0	I	0	0	0	I	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 R. Gould	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	

Among the side shows was a simultaneous display by Euwe on Tuesday evening, April 6th, in which the master made the fine score of 27 wins, 3 draws and 2 losses (to A. D. Barlow and F. H. Terrill) out of 32 games.

There was also a quick-play tournament at odds, the Major Open players having to give the Open players Pawn and move, and similarly for the other classes. This was also won by Euwe.

The prizes were given away by Mr. Sidney Robinson on Saturday, April 10th, and presentations were made to Messrs. Howell and Kemble for the admirable way in which they had conducted the Congress. In proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Robinson, Mr. S. J. Holloway made an appeal for more chess players to enrol as life members of the B.C.F., in order to build up a substantial fund. Mr. van der Woerd, of the Dutch Press, in seconding a vote of thanks, remarked that the Belgian and Dutch champions had asked him to express their best thanks to the English chess world for the hospitable way in which they had been received, and in conclusion quoted some lines of Wordsworth, which he assumed were familiar to all his audience, but we have our doubts!

SEMMERING MASTERS' TOURNAMENT.

Beginning on March 6th and coming to an end on the 30th, this tournament resulted in a fine, if narrow, victory for the Austrian master, Rudolf Spielmann. In the last round Spielmann, with half a point in hand, had to meet Alekhine. By drawing with him he made sure of the first prize. But the Russian certainly did not lower his reputation by coming out second, seeing that he had made a most disastrous start, scoring but half a point in his first three games! Vidmar's good performance reawakens regrets that he is able to devote so little time to master-chess. The revival of Tarrasch was a welcome feature of the tournament. For the rest, the table must speak:—

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	T'l.	Prize.
1 Spielmann	—	½	I	I	I	O	½	½	I	I	I	I	I	½	I	½	½	I	13	I
2 Alekhine	½	—	O	O	I	I	I	I	I	½	I	½	I	O	I	I	I	I	12½	II
3 Vidmar	O	I	—	I	I	½	O	I	½	I	I	½	I	I	½	I	½	I	12	III
4 Nimzovitch	O	O	I	—	½	I	½	I	O	I	½	I	I	I	½	I	I	I	11½	IV.
5 Tartakover	O	O	O	½	—	½	I	O	I	I	I	½	I	I	I	I	I	I	11½	V
6 Rubinstein	I	O	½	O	½	—	½	I	O	½	O	I	½	I	½	I	I	I	10	VI.
7 Tarrasch	½	O	I	½	O	½	—	I	O	O	O	½	I	I	I	I	I	I	10	VII
8 Réti	½	O	O	O	I	O	—	I	I	I	O	½	I	I	½	I	I	I	9½	VIII
9 Grünfeld	O	O	½	I	O	O	I	O	—	O	½	½	I	I	I	I	I	I	9	IX
10 Janowski	O	½	O	O	O	I	I	O	I	—	½	O	O	I	I	I	I	I	8½	
11 Treybal	O	O	O	½	O	½	O	½	½	I	—	O	I	I	O	I	½	I	8	
12 Vajda	O	½	½	O	O	I	O	I	½	I	O	—	O	½	½	½	½	I	7½	
13 Yates	O	O	O	O	½	O	½	O	O	½	O	I	—	½	½	½	I	I	7	
14 Gilg	½	I	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	I	O	½	½	—	O	½	I	6	
15 Knoch	O	O	½	½	O	O	O	O	O	O	I	½	½	—	I	½	I	I	6	
16 Davidson	½	O	O	½	O	O	O	½	O	O	O	½	O	I	O	—	I	I	5½	
17 Michel, W	½	O	½	O	O	O	O	O	½	O	½	O	O	½	O	O	—	I	4½	
18 Roselli del Turco ..	O	O	½	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	½	O	O	O	O	O	—	I	4	

CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

Twenty-eight solutions of the above were received, of which two only were correct. This was due to the alternative renderings possible in the South-east corner.

The first correct solution to arrive was by J. W. Dixon, of 79 Jervis Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, to whom a pocket chess board will be sent.

It was gratifying to receive so many kind expressions of appreciation, and possibly another puzzle will be published in a month or two's time.

It was also very pleasing that so old and valued a subscriber of the *B.C.M.* as Mr. J. W. Dixon succeeded in winning the prize. Mr. Dixon has been extremely unwell for a very long time. He has always been one of the foremost English problemists and his success here proves he is able to solve other kinds of puzzles.

¹ S	² C	³ A	⁴ N	⁵ P	⁶ A	⁷ W	⁸ N
⁹ L	¹⁰ A	¹¹ C	¹² E	¹³ O	¹⁴ S	¹⁵ H	¹⁶ O
¹⁷ D	¹⁸ R	¹⁹ A	²⁰ W	²¹ N	²² H	²³ I	²⁴ M
²⁵ L	²⁶ O	²⁷ P	²⁸ E	²⁹ Z	³⁰ P	³¹ T	³² O
³³ O	³⁴ K	³⁵ A	³⁶ S	³⁷ I	³⁸ A	³⁹ E	⁴⁰ V
⁴¹ M	⁴² A	⁴³ X	⁴⁴ L	⁴⁵ A	⁴⁶ N	⁴⁷ G	⁴⁸ E
⁴⁹ A	⁵⁰ N	⁵¹ K	⁵² I	⁵³ N	⁵⁴ G	⁵⁵ A	⁵⁶ R
⁵⁷ N	⁵⁸ N	⁵⁹ T	⁶⁰ P	⁶¹ I	⁶² N	⁶³ T	⁶⁴ S

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

There was a very representative meeting of the Executive Committee of the B.C.F. on Saturday, 24th April, in London. Major Sir Richard Barnett being in the chair, when important matters were under consideration. The committee were informed that owing mainly to the heavy expense involved, the proposed matches between Belgium, France, Great Britain and Holland would not be played.

The following new life members were enrolled, viz., Messrs. G. C. Brown (Worcester), J. T. D. Halford (Colchester), C. Mansfield (Clifton), Godfrey Oakey (Hove), H. Parsons (Clifton), Noel Rhys (Banbury), Sidney Robinson (Bath), Anthony C. Steadman (Clifton), and W. L. Wakefield (Coventry). Several cases in which there was a real claim upon the sympathetic help of the B.C.F. had in the past been brought to the notice of the committee, but, as under the constitution, the existing funds strictly were not available for meeting these claims, it has been possible to extend help only through individual generosity. The committee decided that the time had come to institute a Benevolent Fund and at once many subscriptions were given or promised. The committee hope that many chess patrons and players will be specially prompted to follow their example. Confirmation of the committee's action will be sought at the next meeting of the Council.

The committee resolved to give a donation of £10 10s. od. to the Stratford-on-Avon Theatre Restoration Fund in sympathetic remembrance of the warm-hearted reception accorded to the Federation last July.

A proposal from Ireland to play an Anglo-Irish Correspondence Match was provisionally accepted and arrangements were delegated to the British Correspondence Chess Association at their suggestion.

The committee decided that an entry to the English County Championship of a combination of two minor counties which has won the championship of any of the three Unions, would be accepted on condition that the committee was satisfied with the actual status of the counties concerned.

The enquiry of the N.C.C.U. as to whether the B.C.F. would accept a sum down of £350 in lieu of the £15 per annum agreed to be raised by that Union for Congress purposes, was answered by a unanimous affirmative resolution.

The text of the constitution of the F.I.D.E. was placed before the committee. It incorporates all the vital proposals made by the B.C.F. delegates at the inaugural meeting at Zurich. Under this constitution, the committee appointed Mr. Leonard P. Rees, hon. secretary of the B.C.F., as their permanent representative on the F.I.D.E. Council; Mr. V. L. Wahltuch, as his delegate, to attend the Council meeting at Budapest on 15th and 16th July next; and Mr. S. J. Holloway as his consultant.

As the 1927 meeting of the F.I.D.E. Council is to be held in Great Britain, the Council of the B.C.F. decided to mark the occasion by a special event which the committee were requested to arrange.

It was decided that an International Team Tournament shall be held in conjunction with the visit of the F.I.D.E. delegates. An invitation will be issued by the B.C.F. to each affiliated national unit of the F.I.D.E. to send to London a team of four representative players to compete in a Tournament, each team meeting each other team on the same principle as an individual tournament; one set of matches per day. The B.C.F. propose to bear a large portion of the travelling expenses and to entertain the members of the competing teams during the period of the tournament. This event will be dove-tailed with the 1927 B.C.F. Congress under the auspices of the London Chess League.

The details of the Edinburgh Congress which will be held from August 2nd to 14th next were determined. The fine suite of the Albyn Rooms, 77 Queen Street, have been engaged, and Miss Malcolm, 26 Hermitage Gardens, has consented to act as local secretary, to whom all enquiries as to accommodation and local matters should be addressed. Programmes will be available shortly from the B.C.F. hon. secretary, St. Aubyns, Redhill, Surrey. Entries will close on Friday, July 2nd, and the list will be considered on Saturday, July 10th.

BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP AT HASTINGS.

The fourth boys' chess championship meeting (and sixth annual boys' congress) was held at Hastings between April 12th and 17th, play taking place, as last year, at the rooms of the Hastings and St. Leonards C.C. Unfortunately, the holder of the title, W. H. Pratten, was unable to defend it, as, though he is still eligible in the score of age, he has left school and is now engaged in business. Twenty-eight entries were secured, however—four more than last year—and two of the finalists of 1925 were included, H. T. Reeve and C. Bruning.

The winners of the four preliminary sections were : C. H. O'D. Alexander (King Edward's Grammar School, Birmingham), G. H. Rowson (St. Paul's), A. J. A. Goetzee (St. Alban's), and V. Soames (Chigwell). These four played off against one another in three rounds on the morning and evening of April 16th and the morning of April 17th, and the result was a handsome victory for Alexander, as the table shows :—

	1	2	3	4	Score	Prize
1 C. H. O'D. Alexander ..	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 G. H. Rowson	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 A. J. A. Goetzee	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	III-
4 V. Soames	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	IV

The twenty-four boys who were unsuccessful in the preliminary sections were re-grouped in six more sections according to the places which they had obtained (seconds with seconds, thirds with thirds, etc.), and played off for consolation prizes. In Section 1, A. Mortlock (University School, Hastings) won with 3 points, against A. E. Smith (Brighton), 2, E. S. Bensinger (St. Paul's), 1, and H. T. Reeve (St. Paul's), 0. Section 2 was won by A. N. Fox (St. Albans) and A. J. Kidney (Caterham), equal; Section 3 by F. Wilson (Manchester); Section 5 by C. A. Bircham (Rye G.S.) and C. Bruning (Ealing Priory), equal; and Section 6 by F. Bowron (Hampton G.S.) and D. W. Riley (Hastings G.S.), equal. In Section 4, G. Barber (Cambridge), J. Dengate (St. Leonard's Collegiate) and L. Pengilly (Twickenham) all tied.

An interesting feature was the competition of two boys from Worcester College for the Blind, Rupert Cross, who has played before at Hastings, and A. Brace. They both got into the 3rd section of the final but were beaten by F. Wilson.

In addition to the boys' championship there was a "Jumbo" tournament of twenty-four local boys, in four sections, according to age, held between April 6th and 10th.

A CLUB TOURNAMENT DIFFICULTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE B.C.M.

DEAR SIR,—At this time of the year most chess clubs find themselves in the difficulty of being unable to decide as to who are the winners of those club tournaments which are played on the sectional system, owing to the fact that a great number of the competitors have not played all their games by the closing date. I am sure we should all be grateful to the British Chess Federation for an official ruling on this matter.

I am, yours faithfully,
F. G. HAMILTON RUSSELL.

WARREN WOOD, CROWBOROUGH,
SUSSEX, 15th April, 1926.

AN IMPORTANT PROPOSAL.

Under the above heading we referred in January to a proposal of the Yorkshire County Chess Association for raising £350 to capitalise the Northern Counties Union annual obligation of 15/- for National Congress purposes.

We have now much pleasure in recording the fact that the project gives every promise of being a pronounced success.

At the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, held at the Bradford Club on April 24th, the Association's president (Mr. I. M. Brown) stated that he understood that Cheshire will raise £70, and Lancashire will raise £140; he also announced that Yorkshire will contribute £140, making in the aggregate the £350 required.

Immediate steps will be taken by the Bradford, Leeds, and Sheffield Clubs to raise funds locally, and every club and player in Yorkshire will be appealed to for support of the scheme and the County Association Executive.

We hope this excellent lead of the North will be followed by other units of the British Chess Federation.

 OBITUARY.

The Rev. H. P. Brewer, a well-known Kent player, died on March 20th at Maidstone, while Yorkshire have lost Leonard Gaunt, president of the Farsley Club and a generous patron of the game; also H. H. Spencer, formerly M.P. for South Bradford.

The late C. G. Bennett, who died recently at Gravesend, has left his valuable chess library to his old club at Harrogate. In addition he has bequeathed a fund to provide a Bennett memorial prize for annual competition by members of the club under twenty-one years of age.

Mr. James D. Cockburn died at Glasgow on April 6th. He was assistant editor of the *Glasgow Herald* and highly esteemed in the world of journalism. Generally far too busy to play chess—he could never manage a match—he frequented the club as often as possible and was very fond of skittle games. He played good chess and was always a most pleasant opponent.

 MR. R. P. MICHELL

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

DEAR SIR—May I make two corrections in the flattering notice of myself which appears in your April number?

"Several times he has beaten H. E. Atkins." I don't think this can be said of any player living or dead, and I myself have never won a match or tournament game from Mr. Atkins except at Southport in 1924. Perhaps you meant to say I had drawn several times.

My Anglo-American cable match score is four out of a possible eight. You omitted to mention my win in 1909.

Yours sincerely,

R. P. MICHELL.

26 ALEXANDRA ROAD,
KINGSTON HILL, SURREY,
April 4th, 1926.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Midland Counties Chess Union Final.—On March 21st Warwickshire defeated Worcestershire by 10 to 7 and so for the sixth consecutive year won the championship. The match was played at the Worcester College for the Blind. Full score :—

WARWICKSHIRE.					WORCESTERSHIRE.				
1	A. J. Mackenzie	..	..	I	E. E. Westbury	..	..	..	O
2	F. G. Butcher	..	..	I	W. C. Roberts	..	..	..	O
3	F. H. Terrill	..	..	I	A. T. Griffith	..	..	..	O
4	A. F. Kallaway	..	..	O	M. A. Prentice	..	..	..	I
5	A. R. Chamberlain	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	L. C. Munn	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	E. B. Conway	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. A. P. Lacy-Hulbert	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	G. H. Edwards	..	..	O	F. G. Jones	..	..	..	I
8	R. Filkin	..	..	O	E. F. Fardon	..	..	..	I
9	F. J. Roden	..	..	I	G. C. Brown	..	..	..	O
10	C. G. Butcher	..	..	I	F. G. Hale	..	..	..	O
11	F. V. Dix	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. W. Wooldridge	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
12	A. J. Bollen	..	..	I	F. W. Trent	..	..	..	O
13	J. W. Wilder	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	B. C. Ashford	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
14	W. T. Bayliss	..	..	O	J. E. Dutton	..	..	..	I
15	P. Allender	..	..	I	Prof. F. Tillyard	..	..	..	O
16	R. H. Bridgwater	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. L. Homer	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
17	T. Bray	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. F. Allen	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10					7				

Final of the Montague Jones Cup.—The adjudication of six games left Somerset victors over Hampshire by $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$; a somewhat similar result to last year. So Somerset will keep the cup another twelve months and we hope will continue to display it at Bath. The match was played at Salisbury on March 13th. Full score :—

SOMERSET.				HAMPSHIRE.						
1	Capt. P. D. Bolland	..	..	I	J. H. Blake	..	..	..	..	0
2	H. Parsons	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Winter	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	Rev. E. W. Poynton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. J. H. Elwell	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	R. M. Norman	..	..	I	F. A. Joyce	..	..	..	..	0
5	G. Breakwell	..	..	I	C. T. Bennett	..	..	..	..	0
6	J. L. Palmer	..	..	0	H. D. Lloyd	....	..	..	..	I
7	D. Campbell	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. B. Coe	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	Comm. R. D. Graham	..	..	I	H. A. Way	..	..	..	..	0
9	B. T. Barker	..	..	0	W. J. Fry	..	..	..	..	I
10	L. Vine	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Rev. W. Proctor	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
11	E. G. Rodway	..	..	0	J. S. West	..	..	..	..	I
12	F. Melluish	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	H. D. Osborn	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
13	G. Gordon	..	..	I	F. G. Binning	..	..	..	..	0
14	H. Powell	..	..	I	R. T. Lawrence	..	..	..	..	0
15	R. Kemp	..	..	0	A. H. Yerbury	..	..	..	..	I
16	J. D. Howell	..	..	0	E. Clayton	..	..	..	..	I
				8 $\frac{1}{2}$						7 $\frac{1}{2}$

Edwin Woodhouse Cup.—Nemesis overtook the Bradford team in the final round on March 27th, when they lost to Sheffield by 7 to 3 and tied with that team as a result of the season's matches. A play-off will be necessary to decide the winners and should Sheffield be

successful the cup will be theirs for good. As we have said before we consider it a pity that a cup of this kind should ever be won outright. A new cup may be forthcoming, but it has not the sentimental interest which the old one gathers to it after years of competitive life.

Rotherham put up a good fight against Huddersfield and we can now give the final table of the competition.

SHEFFIELD.						BRADFORD.					
1	G. W. Moses	..	..	..	½	T. A. Staynes	..	..	..	½	
2	C. R. Gurnhill	..	..	..	I	J. Foulds	..	..	..	0	
3	W. H. Sparkes	..	..	..	I	H. L. Brooke	..	..	..	0	
4	E. Dale	..	..	..	½	F. Betts	..	..	..	½	
5	H. H. Clarke	..	..	..	0	R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	..	I	
6	H. D. Rockett	..	..	..	I	J. R. Deacon	..	..	..	0	
7	W. Batley	..	..	..	½	W. Staynes	..	..	..	0	
8	C. North	..	..	..	½	C. B. Cribb	..	..	..	½	
9	J. Orange	..	..	..	I	J. B. Grew	..	..	..	0	
10	F. Ogden	..	..	..	I	F. Watson	..	..	..	0	
						7					3
HUDDERSFIELD.						ROTHERHAM.					
1	H. E. Atkins	..	..	..	I	E. J. Griffith	..	..	..	0	
2	C. G. Wenyon	..	..	..	I	Absentee	..	..	..	0	
3	H. J. Lofthouse	..	..	..	½	W. Davy	..	..	..	½	
4	H. A. Cadman	..	..	..	0	F. Davy	..	..	..	I	
5	H. Greenwood	..	..	..	0	S. P. Ludbrook	..	..	..	I	
6	F. M. Bassano	..	..	..	0	G. Askew	..	..	..	I	
7	W. D. Foster	..	..	..	I	B. H. Oliver	..	..	..	0	
8	A. Goodwin	..	..	..	0	S. McDonald	..	..	..	I	
9	C. H. Hinchliffe	..	..	..	I	S. H. Townend	..	..	..	0	
10	E. Winterbottom	..	..	..	I	T. Frost	..	..	..	0	
						5½					4½

FINAL TABLE.

	Matches.				Games.				Pts.
	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	W.	L.	D.	
Bradford	8	6	1	1	80	29	24	27	13
Sheffield	8	6	1	1	80	45	15	30	13
Huddersfield	8	3	3	2	80	29	26	25	8
Leeds	8	3	5	0	80	26	28	26	6
Rotherham	8	0	8	0	80	19	45	16	0

The unfinished games in the Leeds v. Sheffield and Bradford v. Huddersfield matches, played on the 6th inst., have now been settled as under:—

SHEFFIELD.						LEEDS.					
J. Orange	..	..	..	..	1	S. Leader	..	..	..	1	
G. S. Hamer	..	..	..	..	0	M. Andrew	..	..	..	1	
A. G. Green	..	..	..	..	1	C. G. Addingley	..	..	..	1	
Previous score	..	..	..	..	5	Previous score	..	..	..	2	
6						4					
BRADFORD.						HUDDERSFIELD.					
W. Staynes	..	..	..	..	1	W. Foster	..	..	..	1	
R. A. Sturgeon	..	..	..	..	0	H. Mellor	..	..	..	1	
C. B. Cribb	..	..	..	..	1	E. Winterbottom	..	..	..	0	
Previous score	..	..	..	..	3½	Previous score	..	..	..	3½	
5						5					

Leeds v. Manchester.—The unlucky patch struck by the Leeds team during the season just finished was much in evidence in their match with Manchester on March 27th. True they travelled, and took the full number of twenty, but it was a heavy defeat to lose by 15—5 even to the powerful teamful of county players arrayed against them.

MANCHESTER.					LEEDS.					
1	W. A. Fairhurst	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. Schofield	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	W. Turner	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	A. Caplan	..	..	..	I	G. Pollard	..	..	..	0
4	A. F. Morrell	..	..	..	0	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	I
5	C. F. Burslam	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. Andrew	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	C. Lobel	..	..	..	I	C. G. Addingley	..	..	..	0
7	C. Boyce	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. A. Phillips	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	G. H. Midgley	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. Crotty	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	T. Kelly	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. E. Jackson	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	Arthur Eva	..	..	..	I	F. G. Garrick	..	..	..	0
11	Dr. St. John	..	..	..	I	H. J. T. Bake	..	..	..	0
12	J. E. West	..	..	..	I	B. F. Hollings	..	..	..	0
13	H. Leary	..	..	..	I	F. Harrison	..	..	..	0
14	E. Toledano	..	..	..	I	J. T. Watson	..	..	..	0
15	A. Milner	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. G. Tyzack	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
16	H. Napper	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Alex. Schofield	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
17	H. R. Adam	..	..	..	I	H. T. G. Meredith	..	..	..	0
18	B. Copley	..	..	..	I	H. Nicholson	..	..	..	0
19	Dr. Dick	..	..	..	I	J. R. Smith	..	..	..	0
20	D. Ritchie	..	..	..	I	C. Keyworth	..	..	..	0
					15					5

London League.—Hampstead are the league champions by half a point. The scores are : Hampstead 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, Buxton 10, North London 10, Lud-Eagle 9. The full tables and figures will be given next month.

The four semi-finalists in the Middlesex individual championship for 1926 are V. Buerger and E. Williams (Hampstead), W. S. Wallis (West London) and W. H. Watts (Athenæum), and they will compete in the final pool together with the holder, M. E. Goldstein (Hampstead).

The tournament attracted 24 entries, and in the preliminary stages, on the knock-out principle, Buerger defeated H. Ford, H. Saunders and J. H. Morrison ; Williams disposed of N. M. Bach and A. G. Kershaw ; W. S. Wallis accounted for G. S. Wallis and A. E. Mercer ; and Watts removed G. W. Yonge, A. M. Ewbank and E. S. Shaw. Other well-known players eliminated in the early stages included J. Birnberg, W. E. Bonwick, Dr. Duncan and R. C. Griffith.

Buxton Chess Club.—The second season of the resuscitated Buxton Chess Club is now concluded. A handicap tournament has served to maintain interest in the weekly meetings, and the committee, feeling that the playing strength of the club was now of some repute, a

challenge was sent to the L.M. & S. Company Chess Club, Derby, who promptly accepted, and a match was arranged at the Grove Hotel, Buxton, on March 27th. Play commenced about 2-30, after Rhodes Marriott had extended a welcome to the visitors and thanked them for making the long journey in order to give the Buxton Club their first match. The games unfinished at 5-30 (three in number) were adjudicated, and as the respective captains were unable to reach a definite conclusion in regard to the game at No. 5 board, it was agreed to send it up for adjudication, the result of the match depending on the decision in regard to this game, which was eventually awarded to the Buxton player. Full score was as follows :—

BUXTON.					L.M. & S. RAILWAY.						
1	Rhodes Marriott	..	..	..	½	S. E. Fowke	..	..	..	½	
2	W. M. Wright	..	..	..	0	R. H. Hislop	..	..	..	1	
3	Percy Huss	..	..	..	1	G. Mather	..	..	..	0	
4	A. Wells	..	..	..	1	J. H. Smith	..	..	..	0	
5	H. R. Cartmel	..	..	..	*	C. W. G. Halls	..	..	..	*	
6	Mrs. Mackereth	..	..	..	1	E. Coakill	..	..	..	0	
7	Miss Horne	..	..	..	0	J. C. Gorton	..	..	..	1	
8	D. G. Owen	..	..	..	0	F. Eccleshall	..	..	..	1	
9	J. T. Mitchell	..	..	..	0	T. H. Bagguley	..	..	..	1	
10	T. Bowler	..	..	..	1	J. Borrington	..	..	..	0	
					4½						4½

* To be adjudicated.

The Combined Universities finished their tour on March 22nd with a match *versus* members of the two well-known clubs, Athenæum and Reform, with the following result :—

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES.					REFORM AND ATHENÆUM.				
1	A. R. B. Thomas (C.)	..	..	1	Dr. V. H. Rutherford (R.)	..	..	0	
2	P. S. Milner-Barry (C.)	..	..	0	Canon A. C. Deane (A.)	..	..	1	
3	A. W. Stonier (O.)	..	..	0	Leif Jones (R.)	..	..	1	
4	A. W. Excell (C.)	..	..	1	Sir T. K. Rose (A.)	..	..	0	
5	P. Sherman (C.)	..	..	1	Sir John Simon (R.)	..	..	0	
6	G. Costigan (O.)	..	..	1	Dr. E. Graham Little (A.)	..	..	0	
7	J. I. King (O.)	..	..	0	Lt.-Col. H. Gayley (R.)	..	..	1	
8	R. C. Weaver (C.)	..	..	1	Sir William Chance (A.)	..	..	0	
9	J. Pepper (C.)	..	..	0	Ambrose Parsons (R.)	..	..	1	
10	M. A. Vernon (C.)	..	..	1	Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell (A.)	..	..	0	
11	G. W. Furlonge (C.)	..	..	1	Col. T. H. Minshall (R.)	..	..	0	
12	B. S. Edwards (O.)	..	..	½	F. W. Hirst (A.)	..	..	½	
13	G. C. Ives (C.)	..	..	1	W. Hooper (A.)	..	..	0	
					8½				4½

One of the events of next season will be a cable match, London *v.* Chicago, to be played on Saturday, November 6th. The arrangements this side will be controlled by the London Chess League. It is hoped to secure the six best players who are members of any club affiliated to the League, but it will not be an easy matter to select these.

The W. W. White memorial tournament has now been inaugurated. The events are as follows :—

May 1st—West Kent *v.* Mid Kent, 40 a-side, at Maidstone.

May 8th—Metropolitan Kent *v.* East Kent, 40 (or more) a-side, at Herne Bay.

The Urban District Council of Herne Bay (a most progressive body) have generously given the free use of the Pier Pavilion for this match.

The final will be played on June 5th, but the venue of this cannot be named until it is known who have survived from the preliminary contests.

Mr. W. Gibson has won the championship of Glasgow Chess Club for 1925-6, and he has won so many times that the members have lost count of the exact number. We can be more exact, however, as to the West of Scotland championship : it is his eleventh win.

His last game was somewhat nerve-trying. He could win, draw or lose the premier position according as he won, drew or lost the game! With a score of 7, he was followed by J. A. M'Kee and D. M. McIsaac, 6½ each ; J. Gilchrist, 6 ; and J. Young, 5½.

Final of the Southern Counties Championship.—Surrey were fully extended at Bath on April 17th, where Somerset only lost by the narrowest margin. The Western County show better form each season and nothing could be so gratifying to those who desire to see the spread of chess, than this gradual increase of strength so far from London where the advantages of first class practice are so limited. It will be remembered that Somerset had considerable difficulty in overcoming Gloucester in the preliminary round and Hampshire in the semi-final. The Surrey team was a good one and Somerset are to be heartily congratulated on their game effort. Full score :—

SURREY.					SOMERSET.				
1	T. H. Robertson	..	..	½	H. Parsons	..	..	..	½
2	R. P. Michell	..	..	1	Rev. E. W. Poynton	..	..	..	0
3	H. S. Barlow	..	..	½	R. M. Norman	..	..	..	½
4	F. F. L. Alexander	..	..	1	Dr. E. Cave	..	..	..	0
5	E. Macdonald	..	..	½	L. C. Seymour	..	..	..	½
6	H. C. Griffith	..	..	1	J. L. Palmer	..	..	..	0
7	G. A. Felce	..	..	1	F. J. R. Hill	..	..	..	0
8	L. P. Rees	..	..	½	D. Campbell	..	..	..	½
9	H. G. Felce	..	..	1	Comm. R. D. Graham	..	..	..	0
10	J. Bulland	..	..	1	J. Blair	..	..	..	0
11	G. Wernick	..	..	0	L. Vine	..	..	..	1
12	R. H. Birch	..	..	0	T. B. Barker	..	..	..	1
13	A. J. Spencer	..	..	0	F. Melluish	..	..	..	1
14	Dr. F. St. J. Steadman	..	..	0	C. Gorden	..	..	..	1
15	F. W. Rampton	..	..	½	G. F. Spencer	..	..	..	½
16	A. D. Barlow	..	..	½	H. Powell	..	..	..	½

SOUTHERN COUNTIES COMPETITION.

GROUP 1.	Devon 10	Devon .. 4½	Somerset .. 9
	Cornwall 6		
GROUP 2.	Somerset .. 8½ & 11	Somerset 11½	Somerset .. 9
	Gloucester .. 8½ & 5		
GROUP 3.	Hants .. 14 & 12½	Hants .. 9	Somerset
	Dorset 2 & 3½		
GROUP 4.	Herts .. 12½ & 10	Herts .. 7	Hants .. 7
	Beds .. 3½ & 6		
	M. Sy. Sx. K. E. Total.		
GROUP 5.	Middlesex .. — .. 6 .. 11½ .. 13½ .. 13 .. 3		Surrey
	Surrey .. 10 .. — .. 10 .. 10 .. 11½ .. 3½		
	Sussex .. 8½ .. 6 .. — .. 10½ .. 10½ .. 2		
	Kent .. 10½ .. 10 .. 5½ .. — .. 11½ .. 1½		
	Essex .. 7 .. 4½ .. 9½ .. 9½ .. — .. 0		

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHESS UNION.

How Warwickshire won the championship.

Oxford 19	Oxford .. 8½	Warwick
Northants 4		
Warwick 9½	Warwick .. 9½	Warwick
Leicester 3½		
Stafford 8	Stafford .. 7½	Worcester ..
Notts 7		
Worcester 8½	Worcester 8½	
Shropshire 7½		

NORTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION.

Cheshire .. 8	Cheshire	Yorkshire 10	Lancashire
Durham .. 7		Lancashire 20	

On March 15th, Mr. V. L. Wahltuch lectured at Rhos, near Ruabon, to a most appreciative audience, mostly miners, and had a very successful evening. On March 16th he was the guest of Wrexham C.C., and played 17 members and friends simultaneously, and won 15, drew 1, and lost 1, in 2½ hours. On March 23rd he played 17 simultaneously at Llandudno, winning 13, drawing 3, and losing 1. In both exhibitions Mr. Wahltuch gave the players choice of pieces and, in case he had White, gave them choice of opening.

The following table shows the result of the M.C.C.U. championship since its commencement in 1898.

1898—Leicestershire.	1906—Leicestershire.	1914—Warwickshire.
1899—Worcestershire.	1907—Warwickshire.	1915—Shropshire.
1900—Warwickshire.	1908—Warwickshire.	1920—Oxfordshire.
1901—Worcestershire.	1909—Warwickshire.	1921—Warwickshire.
1902—Leicestershire.	1910—Oxfordshire	1922—Warwickshire.
1903—Worcestershire.	1911—Leicestershire	1923—Warwickshire.
1904—Warwickshire.	1912—Leicestershire.	1924—Warwickshire.
1905—Warwickshire.	1913—Staffordshire	1925—Warwickshire.

The final results of the Birmingham and District League are now to hand as follows :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Birmingham	7	5	2	0	12
Wolverhampton	7	3	3	1	9
Bohemians	7	3	2	2	8
Erdington	7	3	2	2	8
City	7	2	3	2	7
Y.M.C.A.	7	2	2	3	6
Coventry	7	1	2	4	4
King's Norton	7	0	2	5	2

DIVISION II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Post Office	10	5	5	0	15
Birmingham	10	7	0	3	14
Municipal	10	5	3	2	13
Wolverhampton	10	5	3	2	13
North Birmingham	10	5	2	3	12
West Bromwich	10	5	0	5	10
City	10	4	1	5	9
Assay	10	4	0	6	8
Erdington	10	3	1	6	7
Soho Hill	10	1	3	6	6
Bohemians	10	1	2	7	4

At a council meeting of the Southern Counties Chess Union held on April 10th, Mr. R. W. Baylis was appointed assistant hon. secretary. It was considered that his achievement in organising and controlling the London Commercial Chess League had rendered him eminently suitable as an official of the Union.

The triple tie for the Amboyna Shield between Surrey, Sussex and Middlesex, was decided in favour of the last-named county, which had scored the largest aggregate of points in matches played.

Essex County Trophy.—This competition played in two sections : Southend, Upminster, Romford, Chelmsford, and Colchester play in the county section ; Leyton, Ilford, West Ham, and Walthamstow, in the metropolitan section.

The winners, Southend and Leyton, played off at Southend on April 17th, when the result of last year was reversed.

SOUTHEND.

1 F. Nettleton	1
2 W. O. Woodfield	$\frac{1}{2}$
3 A. Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$
4 A. E. Saunders	1
5 T. A. Glennie	$\frac{1}{2}$
6 H. A. Melvin	1
7 G. Booth	0
8 R. E. Shepard	$\frac{1}{2}$

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LEYTON.

E. W. Osler	0
F. W. Markwick	$\frac{1}{2}$
W. H. Taylor	$\frac{1}{2}$
R. C. Harvey	0
G. F. Hawkins	$\frac{1}{2}$
Absent	0
E. Gare	1
F. D. Downton	$\frac{1}{2}$

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NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS

New Zealand.—There were eighteen competitors for the N.Z. championship at Dunedin over the Christmas holidays; and, as there was only time for thirteen rounds, resort had to be had to sectional play. The four highest scorers in each of two sections went into the final pool of four rounds—play in the sections having automatically supplied three of the seven rounds necessary for a tournament of eight players.

The result of the final pool was as follows: I, S. Crakanthorp (Sydney, N.S.W.), 6 points; II, R. J. Barnes (Wellington), $5\frac{1}{2}$; III, J. B. Dunlop (Otago), 5; IV, J. A. Moir (Auckland), 4; V, B. W. Stenhouse (Otago), 3; VI-VIII, J. A. Erskine (Melbourne, Victoria), G. P. Anderson (Wellington), and D. Pihl (Canterbury), $1\frac{1}{2}$ each.

The prizes were £25, £12, £8, £5, £4, £3, £2 and £1 respectively.

The failure of G. Purdy, last year's winner, A. W. O. Davies, champion in 1905 and 1908, A. W. Gyles, E. H. Severne and E. A. Hicks to qualify for the final caused no small surprise. A consolation tourney for non-qualifiers got six entries, and C. Purdy and the Rev. A. Miller tied for and divided the two prizes.

The "best-recovery" prize was awarded to A. W. O. Davies for his win against D. Pihl; but the brilliancy prize was not awarded, none of the games, in the opinion of the judges (Messrs. Crakanthorp and Erskine), coming up to the requisite standard.

Australia.—The 6th tournament for the Australian championship was due to begin at Sydney on Saturday, April 3rd, the prizes offered being £60, £25 and £10, with a £5 brilliancy prize.

The 28th annual meeting of the Queensland C.A. was held in Brisbane on February 24th, when it was reported that C. L. R. Boyce had again won the State championship. It was decided to send one representative to the Sydney congress.

The "Goldsmith" cup competition (handicap) at the Melbourne C.C. has this year been won by F. Vaughan, a recent arrival from Auckland, N.Z., who entered from the second class. The only first-class player competing was G. Gundersen, who came out third.

South Africa.—A new chess club has been formed at Grahamstown, South Africa, and the names of 20 members have already been enrolled. There is already a club at Rhodes University.

United States.—The latest figures of Dr. Emanuel Lasker's exhibition-tour, down to his visit to Cleveland on February 15th, are: 232 games played; 197 won; 28 drawn; 7 lost.

Edward Lasker is now again resident in New York. During a recent visit to Cuba, he won a match against Dr. Rosendo Romero by 2—0, with four draws.

A. J. Fink beat N. W. Banks in a short match at San Francisco, 2—0.

A. E. Santasiere has won the championship of the Marshall C.C., where, by the way, Frank Marshall was welcomed back from Russia on the night of January 25th.

On February 22nd, the inter-club match, Manhattan C.C. v. Franklin C.C., played in the rooms of the former, ended in a victory for the New Yorkers by 10—7. M. D. Hago played top board for Manhattan and beat A. R. Buckman.

Germany.—A masters' tournament began in Dresden on April 4th with ten competitors, including the British representative F. D. Yates.

This tournament ended on the 14th, the prize-list being as follows : 1, Nimzovitch, $8\frac{1}{2}$ points ; 2, Alekhine, 7 ; 3, Rubinstein, $6\frac{1}{2}$; 4, Tartakover 5 ; 5, von Holzhausen (a newcomer), 4. The other scores were : P. Johner $3\frac{1}{2}$, Sämisch and Yates 3, Blümich $2\frac{1}{2}$, and L. Steiner 2. Nimzovitch drew with Alekhine only, while Alekhine drew also with von Holzhausen, Johner and Yates.

France.—The Tauber challenge cup, for the chess clubs of Paris, has been won this year by the Cercle de Lutèce, with a score of 19 points—half a point ahead of the Cercle Philidor. The other contestants were the Fou de Roi (Montmartre), the Echecs du Palais-Royal, the Cercle de la Rive Gauche, and the " Echec et Mat " (B.-Chaumont).

Czecho-Slovakia.—K. Hromadka, after a hard struggle, has won the championship of Prague. In a tournament of twelve players, his score was $8\frac{1}{2}$, while M. Chodera and O. Friedmann scored 8 each.

Italy.—A masters' tournament, open to Italians and foreigners, will be held at Livorno, August 1st—15th. The maximum number of entries which will be accepted is 30, and, if at least 24 are sent in, there will be three eliminating contests and a final pool. Entries should be made to Ing. A. Papeschi, Piazza Carlo Alberto 2, Livorno, by July 10th, accompanied by a deposit of 100 lire.

Russia.—Writing in *The American Chess Bulletin* of his visit to Leningrad in January, after the big Moscow tournament, Carlos Torre says that a quadrangular tournament was arranged between Gotthilf, Rockline, Modell and himself. Gotthilf won with a score of 4 to 2, Rockline and Torre scored 3 each, and Modell 2.

China.—Mr. J. A. Jackson, hon. secretary of the International Chess Club, Shanghai, writes to us that Boris Kostich left Shanghai in December, after having played 190 games in all (including 11 in Soochow), of which he won 144, drew 32, and lost 14. All but 6 of the 190 games were in simultaneous play. Before he left he declared that at least half-a-dozen of the Shanghai players were equal in strength to any first-class amateurs. Here is one of the games which he lost while conducting 6 games simultaneously on December 1st. It is scarcely a good example of the master's play! Score from *The China Press*.

GAME No. 5,664.

Centre Counter Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
T. ROMANOFF		B. KOSTICH		T. ROMANOFF		B. KOSTICH	
1 P—K 4		1 P—Q 4		16 Q—K 2		16 B—Kt 5	
2 P×P		2 Q×P		17 Q—B 2		17 P—Kt 4	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 Q—Q R 4		18 Q—Kt 3		18 R—K Kt 1	
4 Kt—B 3		4 Kt—Q B 3		19 Q—B 2		19 B—K B 4	
5 P—Q 4		5 B—Kt 5		20 P—Kt 3		20 Kt—Kt 5	
6 B—Q Kt 5		6 Castles		21 Q—Q 2		21 Kt×B	
7 B×Kt		7 P×B		22 Q×Kt		22 P×P	
8 B—K 3		8 Kt—B 3		23 R×P		23 B×R	
9 Castles		9 P—K 4		24 Q×B		24 B×P	
10 Q—Q 3		10 B—Kt 5 ?		25 R—K 1		25 R—Kt 5	
11 Kt×P		11 K—Kt 2		26 Q—B 2		26 Q—Kt 3	
12 Kt×K B P		12 Q—R 4		27 R—Q B 1		27 B—K 5	
13 Kt×R ch		13 R×Kt		28 Q—K 1		28 P—K R 4	
14 P—B 3		14 B—Q 3		29 Kt—R 4		29 P—R 5	
15 P—B 4		15 B—B 4		30 Q—Kt 4 ch		30 Resigns	

There is a mate in 5 moves.

Our staunch supporter, S. E. Traill, of the Argentine, during a visit to the hills of Cordoba, has played chess every day and found that a modicum of practice makes it possible for a player of fair strength to become quite good at simultaneous play.

I have been sent by the editor a special copy of a chess letter from Winnipeg, of 52 pages, just subsequent to Geza Maroczy's second visit to Winnipeg for a simultaneous exhibition. Besides games, some fine illustrations and portraits, letters descriptive of the Hungarian Master's first visit in 1906, some amusing poems, a letter from, and a good portrait of, Geza Maroczy, there is also an interesting resumé of the result of his first visit, namely, that now Winnipeg boasts of nine chess clubs, all in a flourishing state... May his second visit produce as good results! [R.C.G.]

REVIEWS.

Das Mittelspiel im Schach, by Eugen Snosko-Borowski. Translated from the English by Dr. Christof Jobst and Dr. Friedrich Palitzsch. Pp. viii. +180. Walter de Gruyter & Co., Berlin, W.10. Genthinerstrasse 38. Paper covers, 7 M.; cloth, 8.50 M.

The German translators of Snosko-Borowski's well-known treatise on the middle game have done their work excellently and we observe that several minor misprints in the English edition have been corrected by them.

The book is very well printed in octavo form, the diagrams are singularly clear and we have not observed any misprints at our first examination. The book can be cordially recommended to purchasers, and should have a ready sale in the German market,

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Bardsley, The Chelms, Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time, and games can be arranged at once in the handicap tourney.

Jersey Match.—F. E. Ward has won for us on board 4, and P. Rocks, junr., has won on board 13, making the score 3—0 in our favour.

New Members.—No. 2609396, L. Cpl. W. A. Ree, Regimental Headquarters, Grenadier Guards, Birdcage Walk, S.W.1. John E. West, Shirley, Manchester Road, Ashton-under-Lyne. J. A. Johnstone, 49 Algernon Road, Lewisham, London, S.E.13.

The following is the draw for the new knock-out tourney. Preliminary round :—

1 G. P. Kitchener.	1 Lt. Porch (<i>ret.</i>).
2 J. T. Steele.	2 J. McDonnell.
1 F. A. Richardson.	1 J. L. Rynders.
2 R. G. Tyzack.	2 H. Bardsley.
1 A. M. Harper.	1 H. A. Clarke.
2 P. J. Lawrence.	2 J. D. Chambers.
1 Miss Eveling.	1 C. Rapley.
2 P. Armitage.	2 H. S. Skelton.
1 A. Lesser.	1 E. Oldfield.
2 H. D. Terry.	2 F. E. Ward.
1 R. N. Murray.	1 E. G. Berg.
2 J. E. West.	2 W. Snook.
1 S. G. Duffell.	1 G. A. Wilcox.
2 A. A. Kennedy.	2 K. G. Jayne.
1 R. P. Boutland.	1 J. McClusky
2 E. Parsons.	2 A. R. Coole.
1 E. L. Browning.	1 Maj. E. M. Jones.
2 E. A. Tapsfield.	2 A. H. Brayne.
1 J. H. Griffin.	
2 W. M. Bussell.	

Winners go into a Gold Medal Section, and losers into the Silver Medal Section. Games not finished by Aug. 31st must be sent in for adjudication. A second game can be played by mutual consent, to count if the first one is drawn. Will entrants please abide strictly by the rules, so that there shall be no delay or confusion. In case of dispute, the rules will be enforced. The winner of the first pair will play the winner of the second pair, in the gold medal section, and the loser of the first pair will play the loser of the second pair in the silver medal section, but the first round proper is not to be commenced until advice has been sent by the knock-out secretary.

We are surprised to hear that some members did not know to whom the knock-out fee should be sent. Our name appears in the Year Book as treasurer, and all fees must be sent to the treasurer. In June, we expect to send every member taking part, a duplicated copy of the scores to date in the Trophies Tourney, and we hope to send a further issue before the December Year Book. We would also like to see a much larger attendance at the general meeting, which will probably take place in September. Particulars later. F. E. Ward informs us that G. A. Wilcox scored $1\frac{1}{2}$ against him, instead of 2 wins as stated in April *B.C.M.*

Trophy Results : Class 1 : Bussell drew with Gunston and Dewing. Class 2a : Evill beat Ditcham, Kitchener beat Bardsley, J. W. Wood has retired. Class 2b : Skelton beat Stoneham and Gale, and lost to Toledano and Steele ; Armitage beat Shead ; Steele beat Wilson and Gale ; Gale beat Stoneman. Class 3b : Lowe beat Coole and Rocks ; Rocks beat Day ; Wilcox beat McClusky and Coole, and lost to Hopkins ; Anderton beat Hopkins, Coole, Rocks and Kennedy. Class 4a : Mrs. Macvane beat Porch ; Hollingdale beat Oldfield ; Aston beat Murray, Macvane and Griffin ; Richardson beat Porch and drew with Hollingdale. Class 4b : Marsden beat Beckwith, Laslett and Somerville ; Houghton beat Somerville. Class 5 : Mrs. Fish beat Miss Herridge and lost to Miss Baker ; Halford lost to Lister and Miss Herridge ; Tyzack beat Bond and Mead.

Handicap Results.—Bardsley beat Evill ; Evill beat Bardsley ; Boutland beat Porch ; Behrmdt beat Griffin (2) ; Brown beat Bond ; Bodkin beat Ward (2) ; Berg beat Ward ; Gurney beat Lesser (2) ; Day beat Miss Eveling, Godfrey and Heywood ; Garrus beat Lister (2) ; Fairclough beat Wilcox, and G. M. King (2) ; Heath beat Stoneman (2), and Joyce ; Harper beat Armitage (2), and Ward ; Jago beat Wilson ; G. W. King beat Taplin (2) ; D. B. King beat G. W. King (2) ; Lesser beat Holland, Oldfield (2) ; Murray beat Porch (2) ; Martin beat G. W. King (2) ; McClusky beat Skelton ; Milburn beat Miss Drummond (2) ; Marquis beat King (2), Oldfield (2) ; Rapley beat D. B. King (2) ; Skelton beat McClusky ; Tollit beat Wilcox (2) ; Ward beat Berg and Harper ; Whicher beat Wilson ; Weaver beat Lister (2) ; Wilson beat Shead, Joyce (2), and Ward ; Wilcox beat Miss Roper (2), Terry, Berg ; Wilmshurst beat Somerville ; Browning beat Murgatroyd (2).

Draws : Day *v.* Miss Eveling ; Holland *v.* Lesser, Simeon (2) ; Rynders *v.* Tapsfield, Wilson ; Shead *v.* Wilson ; Ward *v.* Wilson ; Whicher *v.* Wilson ; Wilson *v.* Tapsfield.

Played in Class 3a, Trophies' Tourney, 1925-26.

GAME No. 5,665.

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F. F. FINCH	L. LYON-CAMPBELL	F. F. FINCH	L. LYON-CAMPBELL	F. F. FINCH	L. LYON-CAMPBELL	F. F. FINCH	L. LYON-CAMPBELL
(Bristol).	(Kent).	(Bristol).	(Kent).	(Bristol).	(Kent).	(Bristol).	(Kent).
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3	11 Q R—Q 1	11 R—K 1				
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K Kt 3	12 B—K 2	12 P—Q B 3				
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 B—Kt 2	13 P—Q B 5	13 K P×P				
4 B—K B 4	4 P—Q 3	14 Kt×P	14 Q P×P				
5 Kt—B 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2	15 Kt×P	15 Q—B 2				
6 P—K 4	6 P—K R 3	16 B—Q Kt 5	16 P—Q R 3				
7 B—Q 3	7 P—Kt 3	17 Kt—Q 5	17 Q—Kt 2				
8 Q—B 2	8 Kt—R 4	18 Kt (B6)—K 7 ch	18 K—R 2				
9 B—K 3	9 P—K 4	19 Kt×B	19 P×B				
10 Castles	10 Castles	20 Kt—Q 6	Resigns				

Change of Address.—H. D. Terry, to Officers' Mess, R.A.S.C., Buller Barracks, Stanhope Lines, Aldershot. P. Lawrence, to 80 Queen's Road, Reading.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 165)

In my solution of Junior Problem No. 21 (see page 82) as sent by B. Goulding Brown, I gave (page 164) 1 R—K 3, B—Q 6; 2 B—K 1, but R.G.B. points out that R×B then wins, and if 1 Q—Q R 4, Q—K 7 wins, he admits that after 1 Q—K 3, P—Q 5 wins, therefore the only solution is 1 B—Q 2, the consequence is I have to re-mark solvers with this knowledge, the ladder (see page 164) is therefore altered as follows: "Lily" had scored 103 (see page 136), not 84, and therefore heads the list with 103, 2, 10, 115; there follow "Robo," 98, 3, 10, 111; "Lady Clara," 91, 3, 6, 100; "Ghetto," 94, no solutions; "Stalemate," 69, 3, 8, 80; "Particles," 73, 3, 3, 79; "Nigger," 61, 3, 10, 74; "Chess," 60, 3, 8, 71; "Edina," 59, 3, 8, 70; "Ostree," 44, 3, 9, 56; "Knowsley" (1), 35, 10, 10, 55; "Plachutta," 31, 3, 7, 41; "Wifilé," 26, 2, 5, 33; "Pugnandum," 17, 6, 10, 33; "Tyro" (1), 24, 3, 4, 31; "Patlander," 20, 3, 8, 31; "Thule" (1), 16, 3, 10, 29; "Kodak," 20, 3, 4, 27; "Rhapsody," 14, 3, 4, 21; "Delta," 6, 3, 5, 14; "George," 10, 2, 2, 14.

ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "G.H.N."—Please take a pseudonym. In answer to Junior 21. If 1 Q—Q 2, Q—R 3! Junior 22. You quote 2..., K—B 1. The Black King is already there! Through this error, the rest of the variation is incorrect. Am afraid the attempt at the Senior problems is poor. If you continue, concentrate on Juniors. 2 3, 1, 1.

Now as to solutions of Senior Problems Nos. 21 and 22 (page 82). These are both very difficult. No. 21 is, I think, a win and possibly in more ways than one. It was a position which was left for adjudication in a match between Barnes Village and Ashford, Middlesex, but I have no record of the adjudicator's award. I suggest 1 R—Q 6 if R—Q B 8; 2 K—B 6, R—Q B 7; 3 R—Q 7 ch, K—R 1; 4 R—Q 3, R—Q Kt 7; 5 Kt—Kt 3, K—R 2; 6 R—Q 7 ch, K—R 1; 7 Kt—Q 4, R—Kt 1; 8 Kt—Kt 5. If 6..., K×P; 7 Kt—B 5 ch, K—R 4; 8 R—R 7 ch, K—Kt 5; 9 Kt—Q 3 ch. If 4..., K—R 2; 5 K—Kt 4, R—Kt 7 ch; 6 Kt—Kt 3, R—Kt 8; 7 R—Q 7 ch, K—R 1; 8 K—B 4, R—Kt 7; 9 Kt—Q 4, R—Kt 8; 10 Kt—Kt 5, R—B 1 ch; 11 K—Kt 4, R—B 1; 12 R—R 7 ch, K—Kt 1; 13 R—Kt 7 ch, K—R 1; 14 Kt—B 7 ch. If 11..., R—Kt 8 ch; 12 K—R 5, R—R 8 ch; 13 K—Kt 6. If 3..., K—Kt 1; 4 R—Q 3, K—R 2; 5 K—Kt 5. If 1..., R—Kt 5 (or Kt 7); 2 K—B 6, R—Kt 3 ch; 3 K—Q 5, R—Kt 5 (R×R loses); 4 R—Q 7 ch, K—R 1; 5 K—B 6, R—Kt 1; 6 R—Q 3. If 3..., R—Kt 8; 4 R—Q 7 ch, K—R 1; 5 Kt—K 3, R—Q 8 ch; 6 Kt—Q 4, R—Q 3; 7 K—B 5, etc.

22. The position was played out between the players by correspondence, as follows: 1..., R×P; 2 R—K R 2, Q—B 3; 3 Q×Q, K×Q; 4 R×P, P×P; 5 P×P, R—Kt 2; 6 R—R 6 ch, K—Kt 4; 7 R—Q 6, R—Q B 2; 8 K—K 3, R—K 2; 9 K—Q 3, P—B 4; 10 B×B, P—B 5 ch; 11 K—Q 4, R×B; 12 R—Q 5 ch, K—B 3; 13 K—B 3, K—K 3; 14 R—R 5, K—Q 3; 15 K—Q 4. Solvers have been equally divided in their opinions on this problem, half thinking it to be a draw, the other half a win for Black, but the latter do not

agree in their methods of winning, and I think the most nearly correct one is that given by "Hack": 1... P×P; 2 P×P, R×P; 3 Q×R, Q×Q; 4 R—K Kt 2, Q×R; 5 K×Q, K—B 3; 6 K—B 3, K—K 4; 7 K—K 3, P—R 6; 8 B—B 3, P—R 7; 9 B—K 4, K—Q 3; 10 K—Q 4, B—B 1; 11 B—R 1, B—Q 3; 12 B—K 4, B—Q 4 and wins, but here if 2 Q×P the position is not quite clear to me at present. Failing any error being discovered in this variation, it seems that Black was correct in his claim, but for adjudication purposes, if only one of our *B.C.M.* solvers can solve it, and the player himself could not discover it, even when playing by correspondence, then "a draw" did not do him any injustice!

"Beta" reaches the top of the ladder with 131, 5, 5, 141. There follow "T.E.S.," 123, 5, 5, 133; "H.O.T.," 122, 7, 2, 131; "Clare," 115, 4, 6, 125; "Nemo," 112, 3, 3, 118; "Craddock," 109, 7, 2, 118; "Gambit," 96, 2, 3, 101; "Cic," 85, 3, 5, 94; "Persequere," 64, 3, 8, 75; "C.H.D." 21/2, 64, 6, —, 70; "Eze" (1), 45, 10, 3, 58; "R.F.D.H." 46 5 — 51; "Hack" 39 3, 7, 49; "Santermmed," 24, 4, —, 28; "Robert C.," 20, 3, 3, 26; "A.M.," 16, 6, 3, 25; "Dud," 16, 5, 4, 25; "J'adoube," 11, 6, 2, 19; "Sirius" (1), 3, 4, 7.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS: "Beta"—Suppose Black keeps his Rook on Q Kt file, in 21, how do you win? In 22, White's best is 3 Q×R. Congratulations on ending! "T.E.S."—In 21. If 6... R×R; 7 K×R, K—R 2 is there a win? "Clare"—In 21. Your Black moves are faulty. How if 3... R—Kt 8? "Nemo"—In 21 why should Black allow the White King to get back to Q file by 2 R—K 8 ch? In your variation of 22, 3 Q—B 6 ch would draw. "Craddock," "Dud"—In 22. If 1... P—B 4; 2 Q—B 6 ch. "Gambit"—No conclusion to your second variation to 21. See answer to "Nemo" re 22. "Hotchpot"—In 21 Black has better moves. "Eze"—In 22 after 1... R×B; 2 Q—B 6 ch is correct. "Cic"—See answer to "Nemo" re 21. "A.M." "Sirius"—In 22, after 1... R×P; 2 Q×R is the right move. "R.C."—Please take pseudonym. In 22. If 1... R×B; 2 Q—B 6 ch.

Solutions to Problems 23 and 24, pages 137 and 138, wrongly numbered 21 and 22, are as follows. Seniors: 23. He must play P—K R 4, or White plays P—R 5 and breaks up the King's side, if then 11 Kt×B, P×Kt, not 11... Q×Kt; 12 B—R 3, Q—K 4; 13 P—B 4 and the Queen is lost. Personally I do not like this variation for White. If 5 K Kt—K 2, P—Q 3; 6 Castles, B—Q 2; 7 P—K R 3, P—K R 4. 6... B—Q 2 is better than 6... B—K 3, the Black Queen then goes to Q B 1; 7 P—K R 3, Q—B 1; 8 Kt—B 4, R—Q Kt 1; 9 P—Q R 4, P—Q R 3; 10 Castles, P—K R 4 is a possible continuation. 24. 4... P—K Kt 3; 5 P—Kt 5, Kt—R 4; 6 Kt×P or 4... 5 P—Kt 5, P×P; 6 B×P, P—Q 4. Possibly 5 B—Kt 5, B—K 2; 6 B×B, Q×B; 7 Kt—Kt 1. If 6... B—B 4; 7 P×P, P×P; 8 B—B 4 with an ideal attacking position. If 12... Kt—Q 2; 13 B—Q 6, Q—Q 1; 14 R—K B 1, Kt—K 2; 15 B—B 7 or 14... Kt—B 1; 15 B×Kt, B×B; 16 Q—K 5. (i) 13... Kt—Kt 5; 14 B—Q 6. If (ii) 13... P—R 3; 14 B×P ch, K—Q 1; 15 B×B, Q×B; 16 Q—Q 6 ch followed by R—B 8 ch. If (iii) 13... Q—Q 2; 14 R—B 2, P—Kt 3; 15 Q R—K B 1, B—Kt 2; 16 R—B 7, Q×R; 17 R×Q, K×R; 18 B×B, K×B; 19 Q—K 5 ch. If (iv) 13...

P—Q Kt 3 (or 4); 14 Kt—Kt 5, P×Kt; 15 B×P ch, K—Q 1; 16 B×B, Q×B; 17 Q—Q 6 ch, if 15... B—Q 2; 16 B×Kt.

There were fifteen solvers this month, and the ladder is as follows: "Clare," with 125, 5, 7, 137, leads the way, for "T.E.S.," who was 133 apparently sent in no solutions this month. The other scores are "Cradock," 118, 5, 9, 132; "Hotchpot" (India), has 131, but no solutions as yet to 23/24. "Nemo" 118, 6, 5, 129; "Gambit," 101, 4, 4, 109; "Cic," 94, 5, 6, 105; "G.A.W.," 90, no solutions; "Persequere," 75 5 7, 87; "Nuorb," 86, no solutions; "C.H.D.," 70, 6, 5, 81; "Hack," 52, 4, 6, 62; "Eze" (1), 58, no solutions; "Pussycat" (1) 30 7 8 45; "Santermed" 28, 2, 5, 35; "R.C.," 26, 4, 5, 35; "A.M.," 25, 3, 6, 34; "J'adoubé," 19, 7, 6, 34; "Dud," 16, 4, 5, 25; "Sirius" (1), 7, 6, 7, 20; "Beta" (1), 7, 6, 13.

ANSWERS TO SENIORS: "Nemo"—We recommend *M.C.O.* to readers of *B.C.M.*! Something up to date!! Cook's Compendium, indeed. "Gambit"—If 1 P—K 4, P—Q B 4; 2 P—Q B 3, P—Q 4; 3 P×P, Q×P can be played, it tends to equality, as does your variation. "Hack"—Yes, it is not necessary to criticise the first four moves, unless you have some special reason for so doing. "R.C."—The majority thought 10... Kt—K Kt 5 in 23 the best; it loses a Pawn, as you say, for that reason I prefer P—K R 4, but it does not mean that I consider Black is out of his trouble thereby.

The solution of the Junior Problems 23 and 24, page 137, wrongly numbered 21 and 22 are as follows. **23.** A consultation game played in the match between Hampstead and North London. It is better to defer Black's P×P until White has played Q Kt—B 3, which may become an object of attack by P—Q Kt 4—Kt 5. Hence 2... P—K 3; 3 Kt—Q B 3, P×P is usually played. If White plays Kt—Q B 3 or P—K 4, Black equalises by P—K 4. Black's fourth and fifth moves are reversed. After 4... B—Kt 5; 5 B×P. If P—K 3; 6 Q—R 4 ch, Kt—B 3; 7 Kt—K 5, B—B 4; 8 B—Kt 5 wins. If 7 Kt—K 5 ch, K—K 1! 8 Kt×B (Q×B, Q—R 4 ch), P—K R 4; 9 Q—R 4 ch, Q—Q 2; 10 Q×Q ch, Kt×Q winning a piece. If in the game 7... K—B 3; 8 Q×B, Q—R 4 ch; 9 Kt—B 3! P×Kt; 10 Q—K 6 ch, K×Kt; 11 P—K 4 ch, K—R 4; 12 P—Q Kt 4! Q—Q Kt 4; 13 P—Q R 4. White has the better game for he wins the Exchange by 10 Q—K 4 ch, K—B 2; 11 Q×Kt P, P×P; 12 B×P, Q—B 3; 13 Q×Q, Q×P; 14 Q—Q 5 ch, P—K 3; 15 Q—Q 4, B—Kt 5 ch; 16 K—Q 1! and compels exchange of Queens with an easily won end-game. **24.** 5 B—Kt 5 is supposed to be White's best move. An alternative is 7... Kt—K B 3; 8 Kt—Kt 5, Q—K 2; 9 P×P, P—Q 4 as played by Tartakover (Black) v. Rubinstein. The correct continuation for White was 8 Q Kt—Q 2, Kt×Kt; 9 B×Kt, Q—B 3; 10 B—B 3 B×Kt; 11 P×B Q—B 2; 12 B—K 4, Kt—B 3; 13 P×P, P—Q 4; 14 P×Kt, P×B; 15 Q—R 4, Q×P; 16 P—B 7 ch, K—B 2. As given Black has a fine game.

There were twenty solvers, and "Robo" climbs to the top of the ladder with 111, 7, 5, 123, followed by "Lady Clara," 100, 7, 4, 111;

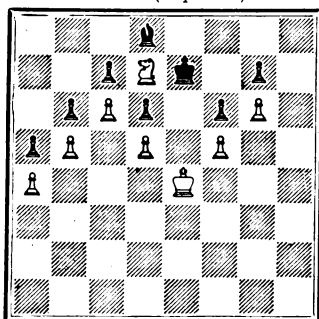
"Stalemate," 80, 4, 5, 89; "Particles," 79, 5, 4, 88; "Nigger," 74, 7, 6, 87; "Edina," 70, 5, 8, 83; "Chess," 71, 4, 4, 79; "Ostree," 56, 5, 6, 67; "Knowsley" (1), 55, 6, 4, 65; "Plachutta," 41, 5, 3, 49; "Patlander," 31, 6, 6, 43; "Wifilé," 33, 4, 4, 41; "Tyro" (1), 31, 5, 4, 40; "Thule" (1), 29, 5, 6, 40; "Kodak," 25, 6, 6, 37; "Pugnandum," 34, no solutions; "Delta," 18, 6, 5, 29; "George," 14, 4, 5, 23; "Lily" (1), 5, 5, 10; "Pawn" (1), 5, 3, 8.

ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "Chess"—Last month's *B.C.M.* was posted on second, I think. Your agent at Stoke-on-Trent should have had it by fourth at least. "J'adoube"—5, 5. "Delta"—I find 0, 6, scored for 19/20. "Thule"—Many solvers have written to say they are liking these problems on openings better, so shall try again soon. "Wifilé"—A little too concise! "Edina"—I congratulate "Thule" and yourself on the club's success, and on your personal ones also. "Nigger"—Yes, we have done much better. "Stalemate"—Rather reducing the art of answering to "Cipher" are you not? "Robo"—I always like "fireworks"!

This month I am giving one problem on openings and one on endings for both Seniors and Juniors. Problem No. 25, Seniors. A game opened as follows: 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 3; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—Q Kt 3; 4 B—Kt 5, P—K R 3; 5 B—R 4, B—Kt 5 ch; 6 Q—Kt—Q 2, B—Kt 2; 7 P—Q R 3, B—K 2; 8 Q—B 2, P—B 4; 9 P×P, P×P; 10 P—K 4, P—Q 3; 11 B—K 2, Kt—B 3; 12 Castles, P—K Kt 4. Criticise the moves, and state who has the advantage. Problem No. 25, Juniors. Criticise the opening moves of the following game, and show where they might be improved: 1 P—K 4, P—Q B 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, P—K Kt 3; 4 P—Q 4, P×P; 5 Kt×P, B—Kt 2; 6 B—K 3, P—Q 3; 7 B—K 2, B—Q 2; 8 Castles, R—B 1; 9 B—B 3, Kt—K 4; 10 B—K 2, Kt—B 5.

Problem No. 26 (Seniors).

BLACK (8 pieces)

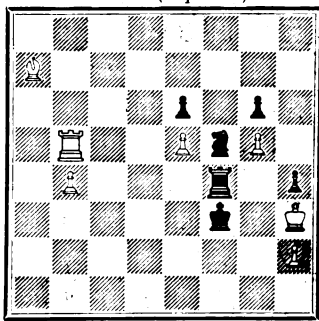


WHITE (8 pieces)

White to play. What result, and how?

Problem No. 26 (Juniors).

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Black to play. Game for adjudication. Give reasons for your decision.

The solutions of these problems should be sent to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3., by May 31st, 1926.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

Two Games from the Moscow Tournament. Notes by J.H.B.

GAME No. 5,666.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE
E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF

BLACK
DR. E. LASKER

- 1 P—Q 4 1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—K B 3 2 P—K 3
3 P—B 4 3 Kt—Q 2

- 11 B—Kt 3 11 Q×Q
12 Kt×Q 12 B—Q 2
13 K R—Q 1 13 K R—Q 1
14 R—Q 2 14 B—B 3
15 Q—R—Q 1 15 K R—Q B 1

.....This game was played a round or two later than No. 5,635 (March), and, therefore, in an even more critical state of the score. White required only half a point to be secure of first place; Black seeks therefore to avoid standard variations which would make drawing tactics easy for White.

- 4 B—Kt 5 4 B—K 2
5 B×B 5 Kt×B
6 Kt—B 3 6 Castles
7 P—K 3

As Black has no longer a King's Bishop to check at Q Kt 5 it might seem that White could here play 7 P—K 4, P×K P; 8 Kt×P, with a fine open game; but another side of that plan is that White would no longer have a Pawn defence for his Queen's Pawn which Black could attack in front.

7 P×P

.....To play the releasing move 7... P—Q B 4 without this exchange would lead to the isolation of his own Queen's Pawn.

- 8 B×P 8 P—Q B 4
9 Castles 9 P×P
10 Q×P 10 Kt—Kt 3

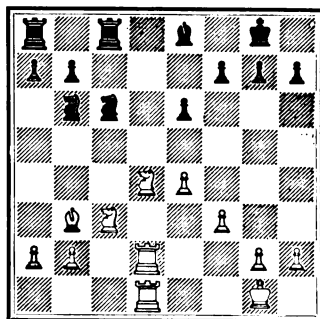
.....Necessary owing to the weakness of his Q 3 square. But the successful conduct of the kind of game which ensues has always been Dr. Lasker's forte, and he probably entered upon this stage with confidence.

.....An invitation, doubtless deliberate, to White to take Rook and two Pawns for two minor pieces.

- 16 P—K 4 16 B—K 1
17 P—B 3 17 Kt—B 3

Position after 17... Kt—B 3.

BLACK (LASKER)



WHITE (BOGOLJUBOFF)

18 Kt×P

White is an attacking player, and his prudence is no longer proof against the temptation. 18 Kt×Kt, throwing upon Black the onus of finding a workable plan, would have been safer.

- 18 P×Kt
19 B×P ch 19 K—B 1
20 B×R 20 R×B
21 Kt—Kt 5

Hoping to get rid of the Bishop, as being a stronger piece against Pawns than a Knight.

- 22 Kt—Q 6
23 R×Kt
24 R—Q 8
25 K R—Q 2
26 K—B 2
27 P—K R 3
28 P—B 4

One critic here remarks that Pawn moves are the root of all evil.

- 29 R—Q 5
30 P—R 3
31 K R—Q 4
32 P—Q Kt 4
33 P×P
34 Q R—Q 3
35 K—B 3
36 P—K R 4

To prevent 36..., P—K Kt 4; but as he can answer that quite well with 37 P—Kt 3, the precaution seems needless.

- 37 P—Kt 4
38 K×P
39 K—Kt 3
40 P—R 4
41 K—B 3

- 21 Kt—B 5
22 Kt×Kt
23 Kt—K 4
24 R—B 7
25 R—B 2
26 K—K 2
27 R—B 3

- 28 Kt—B 2
29 R—Q R 3
30 B—B 3
31 R—Kt 3
32 P—Q R 4
33 R—R 3
34 R×P
35 R—Q B 4

36 P—R 4!

.....This is the point at which Black allows his winning advantage to escape. He should play 41... Kt—B 4!; 42 K—B 2 (42 R—Kt 4, Kt×P ch), Kt×R; 43 K×R, Kt—K 7 ch, destroying White's Pawn position; after which Black's advantage in force should win.

- 42 R—Q 1
43 Q R—Q 3
44 R×R

- 42 R—R 6 ch
43 R×R ch
44 Kt—B 4

.....If 44... B×R P; 45 P—B 5, and 46 K—B 4, leaves White in a very strong position; the same result would, of course, have ensued upon 42 or 43... R×P; 43 or 44 R×R, etc.

- 45 P—K R 5
46 R—B 3
47 R×B

- 45 K—K 3
46 Kt—Q 3

The only resource to avoid losing, but sufficient. Each Black piece is left with a passed Pawn to watch, and he cannot therefore combine their action.

- 48 P—R 5
49 P—Q R 6
50 K—K 3
51 K—Q 2
52 K—K 3

- 47 P×R
48 P—B 4
49 Kt—Kt 4
50 P—B 5
51 K—Q 3
52 K—K 3

.....If 52... K—B 4; 53 P—B 5, and 54 P—B 6 wins for White.

Drawn.

GAME No. 5,667.

Queen's Gambit Accepted (in effect).

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------------|------------|
| J. R. CAPABLANCA. | — ZUBAREV. |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 Kt—K B 3 | 3 P×P |
| 4 P—K 4 | 4 P—Q B 4 |
| 5 P—Q 5 | |

- | | |
|------------|-------------|
| 6 P×P | 5 P×P |
| 7 B×P | 6 Kt—K B 3 |
| 8 Castles | 7 B—Q 3 |
| 9 B—K Kt 5 | 8 Castles |
| 10 Kt—B 3 | 9 B—Kt 5 |
| 11 Kt—K 4 | 10 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| | 11 Q—B 2 |

Compare game No. 5,635, Capablanca v. Bogoljuboff, where White played 5 B×P.

.....11... B—K 4 would avoid weakening his King's side, and the Bishop might reach a strong post at Q 5 later.

12 B×Kt	12 Kt×B
13 Kt×Kt ch	13 P×Kt
14 P—K R 3	14 B—R 4
15 R—K 1	15 K R—K 1
16 Q—Kt 3	16 P—Q R 3
17 P—Q R 4	17 B—Kt 3
18 B—Q 3	18 Q—Q 2
19 Kt—Q 2	19 R—K 2
20 B×B	20 B P×B

.....Taking with the Rook's Pawn was better; Black is presently embarrassed by the command White obtains of his K 6 square after the text move.

21 Kt—K 4	21 K—Kt 2
22 Q—Q B 3	22 B—K 4
23 Q×P	23 B×P
24 Kt—Kt 5!	24 Q.R—K 1
25 Kt—K 6 ch	25 K—B 2
26 Q R—Kt 1	26 B—K 4
27 Q—B 4	27 R—Q B 1
28 Q—Kt 3	28 B—Kt 1

.....It was worth while to drive the Queen a little further by 28..., R—B 6. 29 Q—Q 1 would be necessary to prevent 29..., R—Q 6.

29 P—Kt 3	29 Q—Q 3
30 Kt—B 4	

Threatening 31 R×R ch, Q×R, 32 P—Q 6 ch, etc.

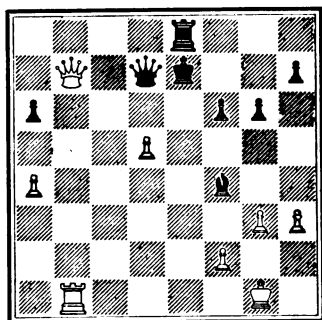
31 R—K 6!	31 Q R—K 1
32 R×R ch	31 Q—Q 2
33 Q×P	32 K×R
	33 B×Kt

...Black has no good move here; the text move enables

White to carry through a deep and subtle combination.

Position after 33..., B×Kt.

BLACK (ZUBAREV)



WHITE (CAPABLANCA)

34 R—K 1 ch!	34 B—K 4
35 P—Q 6 ch	35 K—K 3
36 Q—Kt 3 ch	36 K—B 4
37 Q—Q 3 ch	37 K—Kt 4
38 Q—K 3 ch	38 K—B 4
39 Q—K 4 ch	39 K—K 3
40 Q—B 4 ch	

The winning position for the Queen, as the Black King cannot now return to K B 4 on account of 41 Q—K Kt 4 Mate.

40 K×P	
41 R—Q 1 ch	41 K—K 2
42 R×Q ch	42 K×R
43 Q×P	43 R—Q Kt 1
44 Q—R 7 ch	44 K—B 3
45 Q×P	45 R—Kt 2
46 Q×P	46 Resigns

Two games from the Semmering Tournament. Notes by J.H.B.

GAME No. 5,668.

Vienna Opening.

WHITE

R. SPIELMANN.

BLACK

DR. M. VIDMAR.

1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—Q B 3	2 Kt—K B 3
3 P—B 4	3 P—Q 4
4 P×K P	4 Kt×P
5 Kt—B 3	5 B—Q Kt 5

.....5..., B—K 2 and 6..., Castles is now the defence chiefly adopted.

6 Q—K 2

First played (so far as is known) in a correspondence game in 1894, by the late Mr. P. Sandford, of Galway, a rather original player.

- 6 B×Kt
7 Kt P×B
8 Q—K 3

Said to be newly introduced by Spielmann. *M.C.O.* gives it, however, without stating any source.

- 8 Kt—Q B 3
9 B—Q 3
10 Castles
9 P—B 4
10 P—B 5

.....Of very doubtful prudence. 10.., Q—K 2 would be open to the reply 11 P—B 4; 10.., B—K 3 seems therefore, best.

- 11 Q—K 2
12 B—R 3
11 Kt—Kt 4
12 Kt×Kt ch

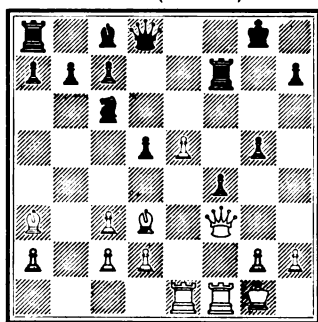
.....12.., R—K 1, without the exchange of Knights, was much to be preferred. The text move is the main cause of his subsequent difficulties.

- 13 Q×Kt
13 R—B 2

.....Now he cannot play 13.., R—K 1 on account of 14 Q—R 5; next move he is equally debarred from 14.., B—K 3 by fear of the same reply.

- 14 Q R—K 1
14 P—K Kt 4
Position after 14.., P—K Kt 4.

BLACK (VIDMAR)



WHITE (SPIELMANN)

- 15 P—K 6
16 Q—R 5
17 B—Q B 5
18 P—K 7!
19 B×Kt
15 R—Kt 2
16 Kt—K 2
17 Kt—B 3
18 Kt×P
19 Resigns

.....Because after 19.., R×B; 20 Q×Kt P ch, K—B 1; 21 Q×P ch, K—K 1; 22 Q—B 8 ch, K—Q 2; 23 R×R ch, Q×R; 24 R—B 7 White wins easily.

GAME No. 5,669.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|------------|----------------|
| H. KMOCH. | A. RUBINSTEIN. |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 Kt—K B 3 | 3 P—Q B 3 |
| 4 Q Kt—Q 2 | 4 Kt—K B 3 |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 6 B—Q 3 | 6 P—K Kt 3 |

.....Of interest from two points of view. First, as a novelty in the defence of a difficult variation; Steinitz would have objected that it leaves Black with two "holes" on black squares of his third rank, but much less importance is attached to that standpoint nowadays. Second, as marking a stage in the development of the ideas of a leading master; Rubinstein having some time ago maintained that the

second player could not afford the time for this mode of deploying the King's Bishop.

- 7 Castles
8 P—K 4
7 B—Kt 2

Very courageous in view of the fact that his Queen's Pawn cannot now be defended by a Pawn.

- 8 P×P
9 Kt×Kt
10 Castles
11 Q—B 2
12 Kt—B 3
13 R—Q 1
14 B—Q 2
15 Kt—K 5

15 Q R—Q 1 should be played here, and was also better than his 16th move.

16 K R—Q I ? 15 B—K I
17 Kt×Kt 16 Kt—Q 2

The premature character of his 15th move is now apparent ; should he withdraw his Knight, then 17.., P—Q B 4 freeing Black's game.

18 Q—K 3 17 R×Kt
19 B—Kt 3 18 Q R—Q I

Black's next shows that White should have preserved the ability to play P—Q Kt 3, for the maintenance of his centre.

20 R—Q 2 19 P—Q Kt 4 !
21 B×P 20 P—Kt 5
22 Q—K B 3 21 B×P
23 B—B 3 22 P—Q B 4
24 Q R—Q I 23 R—Q 3
25 B—B 2 24 P—K 4
26 Q—Kt 3 25 B—B 3

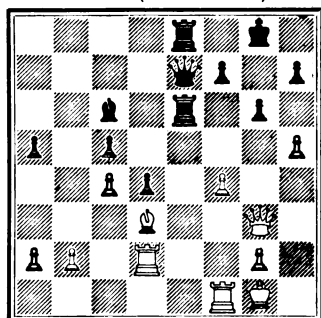
26 B—K 4 loses a piece, as Black captures both Bishops on successive moves.

27 B×B 26 Q—Kt 2 !
28 B—Q 3 27 K P×B
29 P—K R 4 28 R—K 3
29 Q R—K I

30 P—R 5 30 P—R 4
31 P—B 4 31 Q—K 2
32 R—K B I

Position after 32 R—K B I.

BLACK (RUBINSTEIN)



WHITE (KMOCH)

32 R—K 6
33 Q—R 2

If 33 Q—Kt 4 Rubinstein gives 33.., B—Q 2 ; 34 P—B 5, K—R I

34 P×P 33 P—B 4
35 Q—R 6 34 P×P
36 K—B 2 35 Q—B 3
37 R—K R I 36 Q—K 3 !
37 R—B 6 ch
Resigns

For if 38 Q×R, Q—K 6 ch ; 39 K moves, Q×P ch forces Mate.

Two games played at New Orleans in 1920. Notes by J.H.B.

GAME No. 5,670.

French Defence.

6 B×B

WHITE
C. TORRE.

BLACK
E. Z. ADAMS.

1 P—K 4 1 P—K 3
2 P—Q 4 2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—Q B 3 3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—K Kt 5 4 P×P
5 Kt×P 5 B—K 2
6 B×Kt

M.C.O. gives 6 Kt—Q B 3 as best, from a game Tarrasch v. Tartakover, played later than the date given above.

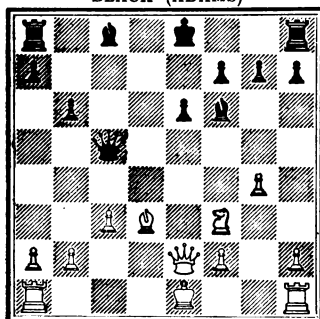
.....Formerly a routine move in positions of this type, but nowadays 6.., P×B is preferred.

7 Kt—K B 3 7 P—B 3
8 P—B 3 8 Q—B 2
9 B—Q 3 9 Kt—Q 2
10 Q—K 2 10 P—Q Kt 3 ?
11 P—K Kt 4 11 P—B 4
12 P×P 12 Kt×P
13 Kt×Kt 13 Q×Kt

(See Diagram)

Position after 13... Q×Kt.

BLACK (ADAMS)



WHITE (TORRE)

- | | |
|--------------|---------------|
| 14 P—Kt 5 | 14 B×B P ch |
| 15 P×B | 15 Q×Q B P ch |
| 16 Q—Q 2 | 16 Q×R ch |
| 17 K—K 2 | 17 Q×R |
| 18 B—Kt 5 ch | 18 B—Q 2 |
- The only way.
- | | |
|------------|----------|
| 19 Q×B ch | 19 K—B 1 |
| 20 P—Kt 6! | |

20 Kt—K 5 lets out the Black Queen with check. This neat stroke leaves Black nothing better than 20... Q×Kt ch; 21 K×Q. R P×P.

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|------------|------------|
| 21 Kt—Kt 5 | 20 R P×P |
| | 21 Resigns |

GAME No. 5,671.

*Philidor's Defence.*WHITE
E. Z. ADAMS.

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3
3 P—Q 4

BLACK
C. TORRE.

- 1 P—K 4
2 P—Q 3
3 P×P

.....This capture has long been deemed inferior to 3... Kt—K B 3 or 3... Kt—Q 2.

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 4 Q×P | 4 K—Q B 3 |
| 5 B—Q Kt 5 | 5 B—Q 2 |
| 6 B×Kt | 6 B×B |
| 7 Kt—Q B 3 | 7 Kt—K B 3 |
| 8 Castles | |

Morphy v. Harrwitz pinned the Knight and Castled on the Queen's side.

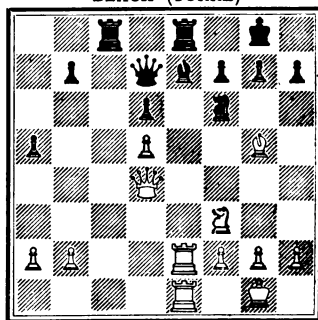
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| 9 Kt—Q 5 | 8 B—K 2 |
| | 9 B×Kt |

.....This opening of the King's file for the White Rooks, with Black's other Bishop shut in, embarrasses him seriously later on, 9... P—K R 3 was better.

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|------------|------------|
| 10 P×B | 10 Castles |
| 11 B—Kt 5 | 11 P—B 3 |
| 12 P—B 4 | 12 P×P |
| 13 P×P | 13 R—K 1 |
| 14 K R—K 1 | 14 P—Q R 4 |
| 15 R—K 2 | 15 R—Q B 1 |
| 16 Q R—K 1 | 16 Q—Q 2 |

Position after 16... Q—Q 2.

BLACK (TORRE)



WHITE (ADAMS)

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|---------|--------|
| 17 B×Kt | 17 B×B |
|---------|--------|

.....All unsuspecting! 17 P×B was the only move; the text move enables White to make a very remarkable series of Queen moves, having for its object to leave the Black Queen without resource against the mating threat.

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|--------------|-----------|
| 18 Q—K Kt 4! | 18 Q—Kt 4 |
| 19 Q—Q B 4! | |

If 19 P—Q R 4, Q×R! and wins.

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|------------|------------|
| 20 Q—B 7! | 19 Q—Q 2 |
| 21 P—Q R 4 | 20 Q—Kt 4 |
| 22 R—K 4 | 21 Q×R P |
| 23 Q×Kt P | 22 Q—Kt 4 |
| | 23 Resigns |

A brilliancy prize game from the recent Trebitsch Memorial Tournament at Vienna (see page 180).

GAME No. 5,672.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK	
A. BECKER	R. SPIELMANN	A. BECKER	R. SPIELMANN
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	21 R—K 2	21 B×P!
2 Kt—KB 3	2 Kt—KB 3	22 P×B?	22 R×R
3 P—B 4	3 P—B 3	23 B×R	23 Q—Kt 6 ch
4 P—K 3	4 B—B 4	24 K—R 1	24 Q—Kt—Kt 5
5 Q—Kt—Q 2	5 P—K 3	25 R—KB 1	25 Q—R 6 ch
6 B—K 2	6 B—Q 3	26 K—Kt 1	26 Q—Kt 6 ch
7 P—B 5	7 B—B 2	27 K—R 1	27 R—K 1
8 P—Q Kt 4	8 Q—Kt—Q 2	28 Q—Q 3	28 Q—R 6 ch
9 B—Kt 2	9 Q—K 2	29 K—Kt 1	29 Q—Kt 6 ch
10 Castles	10 P—K 4	30 K—R 1	30 Q—R 6 ch
11 P×P	11 Kt×P	31 K—Kt 1	31 Kt—K 6
12 Kt—Q 4	12 B—Q 2	32 Kt—K 1	32 Q—Kt 6 ch
13 Q—B 2	13 Q—Kt—Kt 5	33 K—R 1	33 Q—R 6 ch
14 P—KR 3	14 Kt—R 3	34 K—Kt 1	34 Q—Kt 6 ch
15 B—Q 3	15 Castles KR	35 K—R 1	35 Kt×R
16 KR—K 1	16 KR—K 1	36 B×Kt	36 R—K 6
17 Q—B 3	17 Q—K 4	37 Q—B 5	37 R×Kt
18 P—B 4	18 Q—R 4	38 B—K 5	38 Q—Kt 5
19 K—Kt—B 3	19 B×RP!	39 Q×Q	39 Kt×Q
20 P×B	20 Q×P	40 K—Kt 2	40 R—Q 8
		Resigns.	

GAME No. 5,673.

Played in the Championship Tournament of the Cracow Chess Club.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK	
H. WINDISZ	M. GALUSKA	H. WINDISZ	M. GALUSKA
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	17 Q—K 3	17 B—Kt 4
2 Kt—KB 3	2 P—K 3	18 Q—K 1	18 Q×P
3 P—K Kt 3	3 Kt—KB 3	19 B×Kt	19 R×B
4 B—Kt 2	4 B—K 2	20 Kt—B 4	20 R×P
5 Castles	5 P—B 4	21 P—KR 4	21 B—Q 7
6 P—K 3	6 Kt—B 3	22 Q—Kt 1	22 Q—B 6
7 P—Kt 3	7 Castles	23 Kt—Q 6	23 P—K 6!
8 B—Kt 2	8 P—Q Kt 3	24 B—K 4	24 P×P ch
9 Q—Kt—Q 2	9 B—Kt 2	25 K—R 2	25 R—Kt 7
10 Kt—K 5	10 P×P	26 Q—Q 1	26 R×P
11 P×P	11 R—B 1	27 R×P	27 Q×P ch
12 R—B 1?	12 Kt—Q Kt 5	28 K—R 1	28 Q×P ch
13 P—QR 3	13 Kt—R 7	29 K—Kt 1	29 R—Kt 6 ch
14 R—R 1	14 Kt—B 6	30 K—B 1	30 B—R 3 ch
15 Q—B 3	15 K—Kt—K 5	31 R—K 2	31 Q—B 5 ch
16 Kt×Kt	16 P×Kt	32 Resigns	

GAME No. 5,674.

Played in a Russian Tournament.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
G. LÖWENFISCH	—	G. LÖWENFISCH	—
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	20 R×P	20 Q—R 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3	21 B—Kt 4	21 K—R 1
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	22 B—B 5	22 B—Kt 1
4 B—Kt 5	4 Q Kt—Q 2	23 B—K 4 !	23 Q R—K 1
5 P—K 3	5 P—B 3	24 R—K R 5	24 R—K 4
6 Kt—B 3	6 Q—R 4	25 R—R 3	25 P—R 3
7 P×P	7 Kt×P	26 B×P	26 P×B
8 Q—Kt 3	8 B—Kt 5	27 R×P ch	27 K—Kt 2
9 R—B 1	9 P—B 4	28 B—Kt 7 !	28 K×R
10 B—K 2	10 P—Q Kt 4	29 B×Q	29 B—Q 4
11 Castles	11 P—B 5	30 Kt—B 5 ch	30 K—R 2
12 Q—B 2	12 Kt×Kt	31 P—B 4	31 B—B 4 ch
13 P×Kt	13 B—R 6	32 K—R 1	32 R—K 5
14 R—Kt 1	14 Kt—Kt 3	33 Q—Q 1	33 K—Kt 3
15 P—K 4	15 B—Kt 2	34 Q—Kt 4 ch	34 K—B 2
16 B—Q 2	16 P—B 3	35 Q—R 5 ch	35 K—K 3
17 P—Q 5	17 P×P	36 B—Kt 5	36 R—Q 1
18 P×P	18 Castles K R	37 B—K 8	37 B—R 1
19 Kt—Q 4	19 B×P	Mates in three	

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

FRANCIS S. TEUNON, Aberdeen. In game No. 5,634, Scott v. Baratz, it is quite correct that White could have avoided the loss of a piece by 33 R—Q 7 (instead of 33 Q×Q). Black must then submit to exchange of at least one major piece, and with Bishops of opposite colours would have great difficulty in winning.

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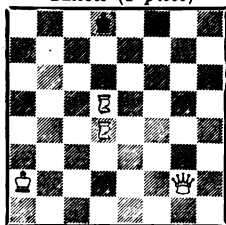
T. R. Dawson with his inborn sense of humour gave the members his lecture "March Hares" on the 26th March last. The title selected for the discourse with its illustrations proved appropriate in more ways than one! Mr. Dawson is singularly happy in dealing with examples of "Fairy Chess," which means all sorts of unorthodox stipulations and the introduction on the board of pieces vested with new powers generally consonant with those already possessed by those in common use. These alterations and extensions produce wonderful and refreshing effects, but it may be strongly contended that chess in its normal state provides quite sufficient diversity without inventing further complexities. We must credit Mr. Dawson with showing remarkable command of his varying subjects, the clearness of his explanations and fluency. He made a great impression upon his audience and proved that the "Fairy Chess" crusade is rapidly finding throughout the world many admirers and exponents.

Here are three examples specially contributed by the author:—

T. R. DAWSON.

I.

BLACK (1 piece)

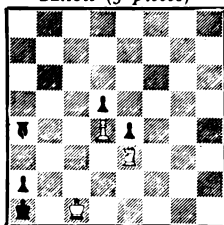


WHITE (4 pieces)

White mates in two.

II.

BLACK (5 pieces)

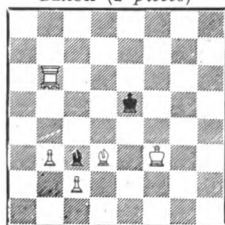


WHITE (3 pieces)

White mates in three.

III.

BLACK (2 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)

White mates in three.

I. The inverted Knights are CAMELS which move in a somewhat similar manner to a Knight, but like a Bishop always occupies the same coloured square. A simple way to describe the movement would be one square diagonally then two squares diagonally in a different direction. For instance, the Camel at d4 can play to e7, g5, g3, e1, c1, a3 a5, and c7, and that at d5 commands e8, g6, g4, e2, c2, a4, a6 and c8.

II. The inverted Bishop is an ALFIL, which moves as a Bishop, but two squares away from where it stands. The Alfil at a4 can go to c6 and afterwards to a8, e8 or back to a4. Also to c2 and then only to a4, there being no other square open.

III. The inverted Rook is an EMPRESS (known at one time as a Chancellor) and combines the power of Rook and Knight in the same way as the Queen combines those of Rook and Bishop.

B. J. de C. Andrade, in giving the last lecture of the Society's season on the 21st ult., "King in the Corner," which he prepared under difficult circumstances, acknowledged his indebtedness to W. J. Wood for assistance rendered and for the suggestion regarding the subject selected. Mr. Andrade, with easy readiness, explained the inherent features of the positions, which he grouped to illustrate various characteristics of strategy in the cases where the Black King was stationed at each of the four Rook squares, dealing mainly with two and three-movers, finishing off with a masterly five-mover by W. J. Wood. About thirty illustrative positions were explained and analysed much to the enjoyment and benefit of the gathering present.

B.C.P.S. SEVENTH SOLVING TOURNEY.

No. 25, by E. Altman (p. 152).—1 B e4 with a dual after Q h8. Four points. There is a splendid try by B b1, defeated by Q h7. Hon. men., *Frankischen Volksblätter*, 1911.

No. 26, by D. Pirnie (p. 152).—1 B d4. Impossible Black Pawn position. Eight points. From *Western Daily Mercury* of June, 1904.

No. 27, by J. M. K. Lupton (p. 152).—1 B b1 with duals after Q g1 or Q x g5. Five points. From *Daily Telegraph* of November, 1922.

No. 28, by W. Fred Willis (p. 152).—1 B g7 with a dual after B f6 or f4. Four points. From *Leeds Mercury* of March, 1903.

No. 29, by J. Nield (p. 152).—1 R g3 author's key. Cooked by 1 Q d5 ch. To the best of our knowledge this flaw has remained hidden since the problem was published in *Leeds Mercury* of May, 1903. Points will be awarded only for the two keys, i.e., eight points.

No. 30, by A. Albertz (p. 152).—1 B f2 with quadruples after Q h4 or e1 ; triples after Q h2, f1 or g1 ; triple after Q x Kt ; dual after Q h3 ; triple after Kt c7 ; duals after R a5, 6, 7 or 8 ; and a dual after B b3. Points will be for key, three ; for each of the above, one=ten points. First hon. men., first problem tourney of the *Arbeiter Schach International* of 1925.

No. 31, by W. Karsch (p. 152).—1 R c5, threat ; 2 Kt c8 mate. If 1... Q a4 ; 2 R c4 dis ch, etc. If 1... Q g4 ; 2 R f5 dis ch, etc. If 1... Q h8 ; 2 R e5 dis ch, etc. If 1... Q a1 ; 2 R c3 dis ch, etc. If 1... Q d8, d7 ; 2 R d5 dis ch, etc. Points=20 (key 10, continuations 10). This bright little affair is from the *Teplitz Schönerer Anzeiger*, December, 1924.

No. 32, by C. A. L. Bull (p. 152).—Author's key B g5. Also solved by Q b3, B e4 and B x P. Again we believe our solvers are the first to discover these flaws. Points will be 10 for author's key, and 15 for each cook=55 points. From *Natal Mercury*, August, 1913.

No. 33, by C. A. L. Bull (p. 152).—1 Kt (d) c6 ; threats 2 R e5 dbl ch, and 2 Kt b5. If 1... Kt c7 ; 2 Kt e7 ch, etc. If 1... B g2, g4 ; 2 R d4 dbl ch, etc. The quiet threat appears to be a flaw, as it defeats the purpose of such a continuation as 1... P d2 ; 2 R e3 dis ch. Points=18 (key 10, continuations 8). From *Natal Mercury*, October, 1913.

No. 34, by R. W. Borders (p. 152).—1 Kt d5, K e4 ; 2 Kt f6 ch, etc. If 1... P x Kt ; 2 R e2 ch, etc. If 1... Kt c6 ; 2 R e2 ch, etc. If 1... Kt c4 ; 2 B d4 ch. Points=18 (key 10, continuations 8). From *Hampstead Express*, March, 1915.

No. 35, by R. W. Borders (p. 152).—1 B b6 threat ; 2 Q c6 mate. If 1... R x R, P f4 or P x P ; 2 Q c6 ch, etc. If 1... Kt b4, B g8 or Q g8 ; 2 P x P ch, etc. If 1... B g6 ; 2 R d7, etc. If 1... R e6 ; 2 Q e3 ch, etc. If 1... R d8 ; 2 R f4 ch, etc. There is a dual continuation after 1... R c8. Points=20 (key 10, continuations 10) though the first variation given above could be split up. From *Westminster Gazette*, August, 1915.

No. 36, by J. J. Hanauer (p. 152).—1 Kt b1, threat; 2 Kt e5 dis ch, etc. If 1... Kt x P; 2 B c8, etc. If 1... K c4; 2 Kt a7, etc. If 1... K e4; 2 Kt d8 dis ch, etc. Points=18 (key 10, continuations 8). Second prize, *Redwine* tourney, 1890.

Full points for the month in Section "A" are 188. Solutions were received from G. Stillingfleet Johnson (186 points), A. H. Haddy (153), C. Folley (142), A. C. Vaughan (138), J. A. Lewis (137), the Rev. E. W. Poynton (135), V. J. A. Russ (133) and J. Leishman (131).

In Section "B" the full points are 39. Solutions were received from G. Coley and J. R. Whalley (34 points), C. E. Rapley (32), J. H. Murgatroyd (23) and G. E. Hopkins (15).

Solutions to the February problems were also received from: Section "A"—N. N. S. Iyer, N. S. V. Iyer and N. V. Joshi. Section "B"—P. A. Joshi.

The final scores for the tourney will be made up as soon as we receive the March solutions from India. One or two claims for extra points have been made. Any solver wishing to obtain details of his own score should send stamped addressed envelope for reply.

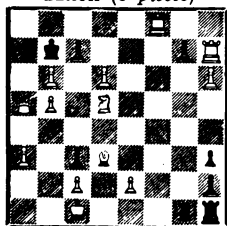
Mr. Kenneth S. Howard has written to say that his three-mover in the Society's Fourth International Tourney, stated to have no solution (*vide B.C.M.*, pp. 46, 150 and 154) is really sound though the intended second move in reply to the defence 1... Kt—B 8 fails, White can proceed with 2 Kt x P (B 2), Kt—B 3 or 5. This, however, is a flaw sufficient to justify the judges in altering their first placing.

"MAGYAR SAKKVILAG" TOURNEY.

First Prize (*ex æquo*).

By A. OLSON.

BLACK (8 pieces)



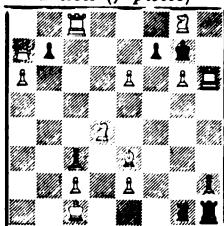
WHITE (13 pieces)

White self mates in two.

First Prize (*ex æquo*).

By K. A. L. KUBBEL.

BLACK (7 pieces)



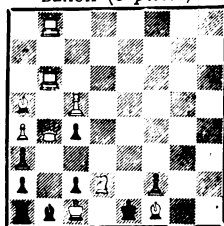
WHITE (12 pieces)

White self mates in two.

Third Prize.

F. KOVAEZ.

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

White self mates in two.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM TOURNEY OF "DRESDNER ANZEIGER."

The *Dresdner Anzeiger* announces an international problem tourney for three or more moves, with the following thema, fixed by A. W. Mongrédien.

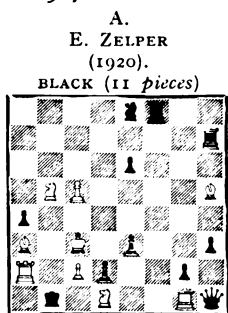
"In a strategic problem (direct mate without conditions) in three or more moves, the White King plays the principal role, either actively as in examples A and B, or passively as in C. What is wanted is not mere activity of the White King, but a strategical problem in which the strategy centres in the White King."

Each competitor may forward any number of hitherto unpublished originals.

The problems must be submitted—each on diagram with added letter-notation and detailed solution—with motto, up to July 31st, 1926, to Dr. Christoph Jobst, Dresden-A, 21, Gartenheimallee 13. Name and address of the composer should be enclosed in a separate envelope, which should bear the competitor's distinguishing motto. Corrections will be admitted up to closing date. The prize and honourable mentioned problems are to become the property of *Dresdner Anzeiger*. Prizes : first, M.100 ; second, M.50 ; third, M.30 ; fourth, M.20.

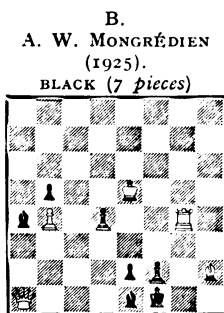
The number of honourable mentions to be fixed by the judge. Judge : A. W. Mongrédien, Landgerichtsrat Reichelt, Dresden.

Result of the judge's award will be given in the Christmas number 1926, of the *Dresdner Anzeiger* and will become final on March 1st, 1927.



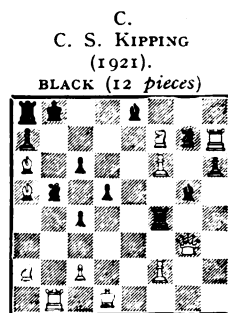
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in four.

- 1 B—B 7, Q R × B ;
- 2 K—Q 3, R—Q 2 ch ;
- 3 K—K 2. 1... KR × B ;
- 2 K—Kt 4, R—B5 ch ;
- 3 K—R 5.



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in four.

- 1 K—B 6, P—Q 6 ;
- 2 K—Kt 7, B—Kt 6 ;
- 3 Q—B 6.

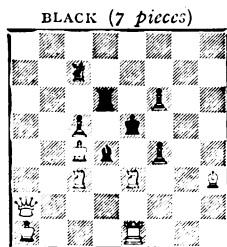


WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

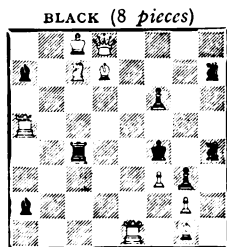
- 1 R—R 8, P—R 4 ;
- 2 Kt—Q 8. 1... P—B 6 ;
- 2 Kt—Kt 4. 1... P—Q 5 ;
- 2 Kt—K 5.

“ BRISTOL TIMES AND MIRROR ” : FIRST HALF-YEARLY TOURNEY,
1925.

The joint award of the chess editor, Mr. C. Mansfield and Mr. Brian Harley, is as follows :—



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

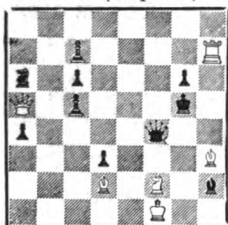
Hon. mentions : A. Madsen, A. Ellerman, E. J. Eddy and P. ten Cate.

" PRAGER PRESSE " TOURNEY.

First Prize.

By C. KAINER
(Lukoveck).

BLACK (10 pieces)



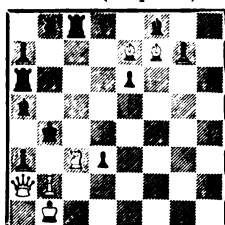
WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By J. J. REITVELD
(Kesteren).

BLACK (11 pieces)



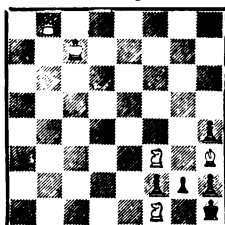
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Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By J. CVIK
(Slezska).

BLACK (5 pieces)



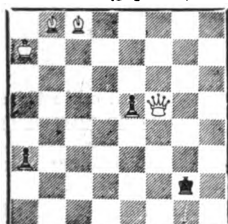
WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in three.

Fourth Prize.

By DR. O. WURZBURG
(Grand Rapids)

BLACK (3 pieces)



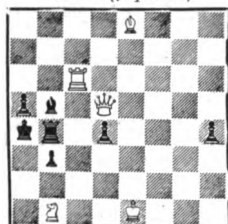
WHITE (4 pieces)

Mate in three.

Fifth Prize.

By M. HAVEL
(Prague).

BLACK (7 pieces)



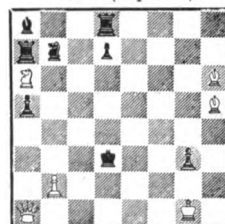
WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in three.

Sixth Prize.

By DR. F. RDUCH
(Czernowitz).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

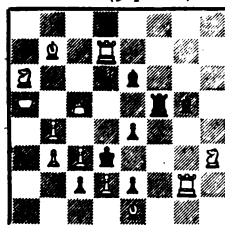
Hon. mention : L. Knotek.

MOSCOW CONGRESS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

First Prize.

By S. BOROS.

BLACK (9 pieces)



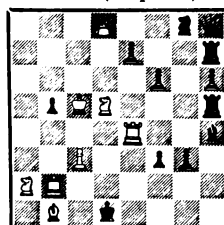
WHITE (12 pieces)

Mate in three.

Second and Third
(*ex aequo*).

By P. TEN CATE.

BLACK (12 pieces)



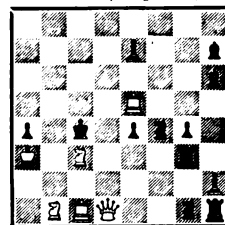
WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in two.

Second and Third
(*ex aequo*)

By S. LEWMANN.

BLACK (12 pieces)

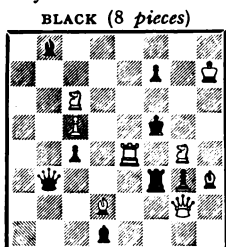


WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in two.

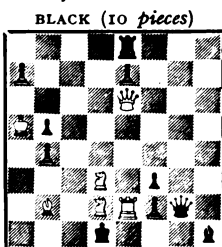
Fourth prize, J. Hajszerik ; fifth, O. Votruba and L. A. Issaef.

First Prize.
By DR. E. PALKOSKA.



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By M. HAVEL.



BLACK (10 pieces)
WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third and Fourth Prizes
By N. K. MALACHOFF.



BLACK (13 pieces)
WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third and fourth prizes (*ex æquo*): K. Nielsen. Fifth: L. B. Lalkind. Sixth: K. Hannemann. Seventh: K. A. L. Kubbel, Special prizes: K. A. K. Larsen, K. A. L. Kubbel, L. B. Salkind, A. Kubbel and Dr. E. Palkoska.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,555, by F. S. Tucker.—1 Kt—Q 7. The key makes a double threat and whatever Black does (excepting 1.., P—Kt 4) White has no alternative. The variety is low, the principal defence being 1.., B—B 4 which fixes Kt—Q 7 as the opening move. A curious point in this position is that if Black could move first there is no set mate.

No. 2,556, by B. Harley.—1 Q—K 5, R×P; 2 K P×Kt. If 1.., P×P; 2 B×Kt. If 1.., P—B 5 or B×B; 2 R—Q Kt 3. If 1.., R×B; 2 P×R Queens. If 1.., R—Q 3; 2 B×B ch. The key-move is not a special one, but on the whole this three-mover is very difficult to solve. The two block situations arising after 1.., R×P and 1.., P×P with the threat continuation after 1.., B×B are very remarkable and puzzling. The key indicates a block.

No. 2,557, by S. Green.—1 B—Kt 2, B—Kt 5; 2 R×Q P dis ch. If 1.., K—B 6; 2 R—K B 5 dbl ch. If 1.., P—Kt 6; 2 R—K 5 dbl ch. If 1.., others; 2 Q—B 2 ch. The interest here centres in the model mates following the defence of 1.., B—Kt 4 and in the threat variation. The key and other play have no particular points. A Black Rook and Pawn at KR 5 and KR 4 respectively should be added to stop cook by 1 Kt—B 4.

No. 2,558, by B. G. Laws.—1 Kt—K B 4. See solution further on of reprint. As first given 1 P—K 3, P—B 6; 2 Kt×R is good enough.

By O. Wurzburg (p. 198).—1 K—Q 5, Kt—B 3 ch; 2 K—K 6. If 1.., Kt—B 5 ch; 2 K—Q 6. If 1.., Kt—B 6 ch; 2 K—B 5. If 1.., Kt—K 6 ch; 2 K—B 5. If 1.., R—B 4 ch; 2 K—Q 4. If 1.., R—Q 6 ch; 2 K—K 5.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 199).—1 Kt—R 4, B×Kt; 2 Kt—Kt 5. If 1.., R×Kt; 2 P—B 4. If 1.., Kt×P; 2 Kt—Q 5. If 1.., B—Q 5; 2 P×B. If 1.., B—K 6; 2 R×B. If 1.., others; 2 Kt—B 5.

By G. Heathcote (p. 199).—1 Q—Kt 7, K—B 5; 2 P—B 7. If 1.., R—B 5; 2 Q—K B 7 ch. If 1.., R—R 3; 2 P—B 7 dis ch. If 1.., R—Kt 6; 2 P×R. If 1.., R—Q Kt 5; 2 B—K 6 ch. If 1.., others; 2 Q—K B 7 ch.

By N. M. Gibbs (p. 199).—1 R—B 3, P—R 7; 2 Q—Kt 2 ch. If 1.., Q×P (R 4); 2 Q—K 4 ch. If 1.., Q—R 3; 2 Q—K 8 ch. If 1.., K—R 2; 2 Q—Kt 1 ch. If 1.., P—K 4; 2 R—B 8 ch. If 1.., Q—Kt 4, 5 or 6; 2 R×Q.

By G. Heathcote (p. 199).—1 Q—R 1, Kt—K 1; 2 P—K 4, B P×P *e.p.* (if 2..., Q P×P *e.p.*; 3 Q—R 1 ch); 3 P—R 4. If 1..., Kt—R 4; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch, K—B 4; 3 Kt—K 7 ch. If 1..., B—Q 2; 2 P×Q P, P×P; 3 Q—K 1 ch. If 1..., P×B P or others; 2 K—R 3, any; 3 Kt—B 7 ch.

By G. F. Anderson (p. 199).—1 K—B 5, P—R 4; 2 R×P, K×R; 3 B—Q 4 ch. If 1..., Kt—Kt 4; 2 K×Kt, R×B (if 2..., others; 2 B—Q 4); 3 B—K 6 dis ch. If 1..., Kt—B 3; 2 R×Kt, P—R 4 (if 2..., P—Kt 3; 3 R—B 7. If 2..., others; 3 B—B 7 dis ch); 3 R—K R 6 ch. If 1..., Kt—B 1; 2 Q R×Kt, any; 3 B—B 7 dis ch.

By K. S. Howard (p. 199).—1 R—Q R 3, P—B 5; 2 Q R×P, either P×R; 3 R×P. If 1..., P×P; 2 R—Q Kt 3, P—B 7; 3 R×Q P. If 1..., P—Kt 6; 2 R—K 3, P×R; 3 R×P. If 1..., P—B 7; 2 K—B 5, P—Kt 6 (if 2..., others; 3 R—R 3 ch); 3 R×Kt P.

By M. Feigl (p. 199).—1 B—Q 5, Q R—R 5 or K 1; 2 Q—K 8. If 1..., K R—R 5 or B 8; 2 Q—B 1. If 1..., K Kt moves; 2 R—K 5 dis ch. If 1..., B—R 7; 2 Kt×B ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—B 4. The two pin models with Queen at K R 5 and Q 1 are cleverly effected, and the model mate with Bishop after the moves of the King's Knight is unexpected. Good and difficult.

By K. Nielsen (p. 199).—1 Kt—K 5, K×K Kt; 2 Q—R 8 ch. If 1..., K×Q Kt; 2 Q—R 1 ch. If 1..., B×P or P—Kt 4; 2 B×P ch. If 1..., P×B; 2 P—B 4 ch. A problem of the mating net class. The construction has been skilfully handled, but the general scheme is really not new.

By K. Erlin (p. 199).—1 Q—Kt 3, R—Q 7; 2 B—Kt 7. If 1..., Kt—B 3; 2 Q Kt—K 7 dis ch. If 1..., B—B 6 or K 7; 2 Kt—B 4 dbl ch. If 1..., K—Q 2, B—R 6 or others; 2 Q Kt—B 6 dis ch. 1 Q—Kt 3 is a natural move to make. The quiet answer to 1..., R—Q 7 is a capital introduction to the play which results in model mates with the Bishop.

By C. D. Locock (p. 200).—1 Q—K 3, K×Kt; 2 Q×R P. If 1..., P×P; 2 Kt—Kt 5. If 1..., K×P or P—R 7; 2 Kt—B 8. The two chief lines are bright and original. Though 1 Q—K 3 prevents the threatened discovered check, 1..., K×Kt gives the solver something to think about.

By C. D. Locock (p. 200).—1 Kt—R 3, K—K 5; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., B—B 4; 2 B—B 4 ch. If 1..., K—K 7; 2 B—Q 1 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—K 1. An elegant three-mover which contrasts with the previous position.

By C. D. Locock (p. 200).—Black: 1 B—Q 4, B×P; 2 P—K 5, B—R 2; 3 Kt—B 3, P—Kt 3; 4 K—K 4 dis ch, P—Kt 4 mate. Exceedingly quaint and tricky. It is not quite clear what two of the Black Pawns are wanted for but no doubt to evade other ways which we have not seen.

By B. G. Laws (p. 201).—1 Kt—K B 4, B—K 1; 2 Kt×B P ch. If 1..., K×Kt; 2 K—B 6. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—B 7 ch.

By G. G. Nasra (p. 201).—Mate in five: 1 R—Q 5, R—Kt 1 (Black must make this move as it is the longest stretch available); 2 R—Q 7, R—Kt 8; 3 R×B, R—Kt 1; 4 R—Kt 7, R—K R 1; 5 R—Kt 6 mate. Without the Black Pawn: 1 R—Q Kt 5, B×P (the longest lineal move); 2 R×R, B—R 1; 3 R—Kt 6 mate. Without the Black Knight. We made a mistake in referring to the White Pawns: 1 R—K 3, R—Kt 1; 2 R—Q Kt 3, R—K R 1; 3 P—Q 5 mate. We may give a revision of this next month which stamps out a cook commencing 1 K×Kt.

By W. Lyon (p. 201).—1 B—B 6, Kt—Q 6; 2 Q—B 4 ch. If 1..., K—K 5; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch. If 1..., K×P; 2 Q—K 5 ch. If 1..., K×R, P×P, B—Q 5 or P—Q Kt 4; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1..., P—K Kt 4 or B—K 6; 2 Kt—K 3 ch. If 1..., Kt else; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. A style of composition one met with in the days of fifty years ago. A good deal of variety without any specialised feature. Its workings are accurate but it is rather heterogeneous in character.

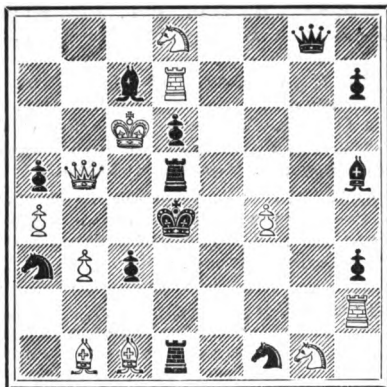
By C. Mansfield (p. 201).—1 B—R 5. The key is not a thematic one but seems to be forced on the composer by constructive exigencies. The six variations are very nicely blended and present an interesting piece of elegant work.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2563.

By F. BENNETT
(Toowong, Queensland).

BLACK (13 pieces)



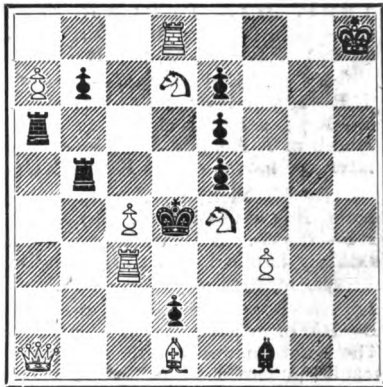
WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2564.

By C. GAVRILOV
(Basarabia).

BLACK (9 pieces)



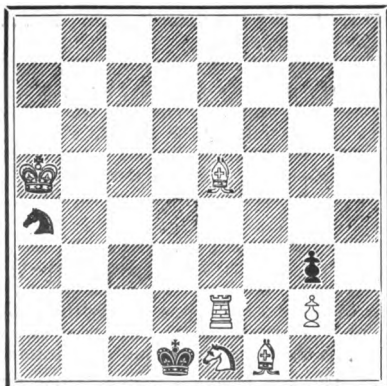
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2565.

By B. J. de C. ANDRADE
(London).

BLACK (3 pieces)



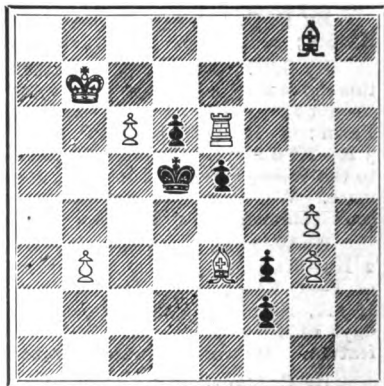
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2566.

By DR. F. RDUCH
(Roumania).

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

White mates in three moves.



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THE HON. F. G. HAMILTON-RUSSELL.

We have great pleasure in giving a portrait of the Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell, who is now taking a very important part in chess enterprise in Great Britain.

Following on his election as trustee of the invested fund of the F.I.D.E., he has now most generously offered to provide a challenge cup for the International chess tournament which will be held in London in 1927.

Reference to the account of the last meeting of the British Chess Federation will show that the tournament is to consist of a team competition in which each county affiliated to the F.I.D.E. will be represented by four selected players. Mr. Hamilton-Russell hopes that this will be an annual event to be played in a different county each year.

The excellent competition among London social and political clubs which bears Mr. Hamilton-Russell's name, has just finished its third season with a bigger entry and keener contest than before. We give the full score below, with a picture of the handsome cup presented in 1924, by the subject of our article.



(Score table overleaf)

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HAMILTON-RUSSELL CUP.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.
1. National Liberal Club	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Royal Automobile Club	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Junior Constitutional Club	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
4. Savile Club	0	0	0	—	1	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. British Empire Club	0	1	0	0	—	0*	1	0	1	1	4
6. Reform Club	0	0	0	1	1*	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	4
7. Authors' Club	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Constitutional Club	0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Conservative Club	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	1	2
10. Athenæum	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	0	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total lost	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	5	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	45

* By default.

REVIEWS.

Development of Chess Ability, by Carlos Torre. Copyright, 1926, by *American Chess Bulletin*. Publishers: *American Chess Bulletin*, 150 Nassau Street, New York. Price 80 cents.

A pamphlet of 32 pages, containing eight games by the young Mexican champion, four from his American play to March, 1925, the remainder from his subsequent European play. The games are annotated by himself, in a conversational rather than analytical style; concluding with a summary of the lessons he has deduced from his own progress. His portrait faces the title-page. A clearly printed and interesting production.

Le match Colle-Koltanowski. Recueil des sept parties jouées du 15 au 25 Novembre, 1925, illustré de 24 diagrammes. Edité par *l'Echiquier*, 44 Rue Ernest Laude, 44, Bruxelles (Belgique), 1926. Prix 9 francs.

Another pamphlet of 28 pages, with three portraits, those of the two players, and that of M. J. Tackels, president of the Belgian Chess Federation. The games, seven in all, are copiously annotated (mainly by the winner, M. Edgar Colle, but with occasional notes by his opponent added), and illustrated by diagrams. The relation borne by the games to the present state of opening theory is also very clearly summarised.

We have received for review the *Lehrbuch des Schachspiels* by Dr. Emanuel Lasker (Berlin: Wertbuchhandel) and the first volume of *Am Sprulenden Schachquell*, the memorial publication of the Dresden Chess Club, edited by Dr. F. Palitzsch (Berlin and Leipzig: Walter de Gruyter & Co.). We hope to review these in our next issue.

SCARBOROUGH CHESS FESTIVAL.

The second Whitsun congress at this popular northern seaside resort commenced at 9 a.m. on May 22nd in the Pavilion Hotel, and lasts until May 29th. The Mayor of Scarborough, Councillor G. Whitfield, welcomed the competitors to the town, and remarked that he had always considered chessplayers looked doleful and brainy until he saw his present audience!

Owing to the Industrial Strike several players cancelled their entries, and in consequence some re-casting of the sections was necessitated. E. Spencer and H. B. Uber found it impracticable to reach Scarborough, A. G. Conde was unwell, A. Muffang was prevented from coming owing to professional reasons, and A. Barasz came in place of the Frenchman, H. Bertrand. It was intended to run the Premier tournament in two sections of eight competitors, the firsts and seconds in each section playing a short match of three games for the four prizes; but it was found expedient to reduce the number to seven competitors. Being unable to find anyone to fill a very late vacancy which had occurred in Section A, G. M. Reid was compelled to put himself in to make each section of equal number.

The organiser, G. M. Reid, is to be heartily congratulated on the strong entry he has secured by his arduous efforts, which included a visit to Paris to rope in the foreign contingent; and had times been normal he could have looked forward to an entry of over 100. As it is, an entry of fifty-three players, in three sections of seven, and four of eight, speaks well for his energy and perseverance.

In Section A, there is first and foremost, Alekhine, who is of course, barring accidents, booked for the first prize. The other foreigners are V. Kahn, an ingenious attacking player who obtained fourth prize in last year's congress at Scarborough, and S. Landau, the young champion of Rotterdam. The English brigade comprises Sir G. A. Thomas, C. Y. C. Dawbarn (who came forward to fill a last-minute vacancy,) M. E. Goldstein and G. M. Reid (as mentioned above).

In Section B there are four strong foreigners of approximately equal calibre: A. Barasz, the winner of the Hyères tournament in January; E. Colle, with his success at Amsterdam to spur him on; the chess journalist, Dr. Adolph Seitz, and the well-known Russian, E. Znosko-Borovsky. The British representatives are V. Buerger, J. H. Morrison and H. Saunders.

After the fourth round the leading scores in Section A were: Alekhine 3 (3), Thomas $3\frac{1}{2}$ (4), Kahn $2\frac{1}{2}$ (3) and Goldstein 2 (3); and in Section B, which has been held up owing to a great crop of adjourned games, Znosko-Borovsky has 2 (2) and Colle $1\frac{1}{2}$ (2).

At the time of going to press Alekhine has won Section A with $5\frac{1}{2}$, including a draw with Thomas; Thomas is second with 5, having drawn also with Goldstein. The struggle in Section B has been very keen, with fluctuating fortunes. After some surprises in the adjourned games, Colle and Saunders have both scored four points, but as Colle defeated Saunders in their individual game, he secures first place, and Saunders second.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 244)

That the May number was not ready on the first of the month was, I am afraid, due to my being so late with my proof; it was, however, ready for the post the day the General Strike was declared, but the Post Office would not accept the bundles under the circumstances, and the publishers could only get a few copies accepted for post at a time, consequently many subscribers did not get their copies till late in the month.

It will, therefore, I think be best to let Problems Nos. 25 and 26 stand over till June 30th, and if such solvers as have sent in by May 31st would like to look again over their solutions, they can either send me amendments, or if they will send me a post card, I will return those sent, for corrections.

I will, therefore, withhold my solutions until July number.

I am writing this on the 20th of the month, and although I sent the solutions received of Special Competition Problems Nos. 3 and 4 last month to the gentleman, who is so kindly giving the prizes to be awarded, I have received no acknowledgment of them, nor had them returned. I trust they have neither been lost in the post, nor that he is ill again; for some time he has been a good deal of an invalid. Am writing off to-morrow to him, but as he is abroad, cannot get an answer in time for these notes, and therefore am also unable this month to give the solutions of the problems. The only note I can give this month is a further correction of Junior Problem No. 21 (see page 82) referred to last month on page 241, as "H.H.D.," of Bristol, points out that even 1 B—Q 2 does not save the game; I must apologise for accepting a problem from a reader, without properly satisfying myself that the answers he sent with it were sound. He appears to have won the game with 1 Q—K 3, but it is apparent now that he had a lost game whatever he did, if his opponent had played correctly. The moves which disprove 1 B—Q 2 are Q—K 7; 2 B—B 1, Q—B 7; 3 R—K 3, Q×B; 4 R×Kt ch, K—B 2; 5 Q×Q, R×Q; 6 R—K 3, P—Q 5; 7 R—Q Kt 3 (best), B—K 3; 8 R—Kt 4, P—Q 6; 9 R—Q 4, P—Q 7; 10 R×P, B—B 5.

OBITUARY.

Grantham Williams died early in April after a severe attack of influenza, which a visit to the South of France failed to cure. He passed away a few days after the return journey.

In the nineties he was an important figure in the world of chess, both as a player and organiser. At board 1 or 2 for Kent he met with marked success, and his skill as a tournament conductor was such that he was selected in 1895 to control the Amateur tournament, which ran concurrently with the International tournament at Hastings. Seldom has it been given to anyone to serve so fine a body of chess-players, which included H. E. Atkins, J. H. Blake, Dr. E. Cohn,

H. H. Cole, F. J. H. Elwell, F. Hollins, Herbert Jacobs, R. Loman, Rhodes Marriott, R. P. Michell, G. Maroczy, Rev. J. Owen, Rev. W. C. Palmer, Rev. C. E. Ranken, H. W. Shoosmith, Dr. S. F. Smith, E. Thorold and V. L. Wahltuch!

Grantham Williams divided his entrants into four sections of eight, the eventual winners being: 1st, Maroczy; 2nd, Atkins and Loman; 4th, Cohn; the four consolation prizes going to 1, F. Hollins; 2, R. P. Michell; 3, S. F. Smith; 4, Rev. J. Owen.

Born on February 26th, 1862, Mr. Williams was in his 64th year; he gave up chess on the occasion of his marriage in 1903. For ten years previous to that he had served on the Executive Committee of Kent County Chess Association and played for the old Lewisham Club.

The deaths are announced of Dr. L. O. Svenonius, the celebrated Norwegian player and analyst, aged 73; of E. Schellenberg, the Wiesbaden problemist; and of the Comte de Villegas, champion of the Brussels Chess Club. All these deaths occurred in February.

Durban chessplayers deeply lament the death of G. A. Champion, a foundation member and twice president of the Durban C.C. Deceased was 72 years of age.

FOR SALE.

Echecs Modernes, Tome II (Delaire), absolutely new, complete (in itself), a splendid treatise on end-games and problems, strongly bound, post free 12/6 (*vide* review *B.C.M.*, Nov. and Dec., 1925).

Set of Chessmen, full club size, loaded, first hand, in polished box. Price 21/-, including packing and carriage.

Glorias del Tablero, fine collection of Capablanca's hundred best games, with full annotations by himself, and many illustrations and diagrams. Published in Cuba. Absolutely new, for 15/- post free.

Bound volumes of the *Huddersfield College Magazine* (edited by John Watkinson), the forerunner of the *B.C.M.* Volumes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, 3/- each, or £1 for the series.

Set of carved ivory Chessmen, complete and in good condition, could be used for playing purposes, price £1 11s. 6d. On receipt of a cheque for this amount the men will be sent on approval, but if not kept they may be sent back and the cheque will be returned to drawer.

Steinitz, *Modern Chess Instructor*, 4/-; *Marshall's Chess Openings*, 3/-.

What offers for Walker's *Philidor on Chess*, 1832; *Studies and Analysis of Chess*, by Philidor, vol. 1, 1803, and vol. 2, 1808?

Classified Chess Games (King's Gambits), C. T. Blanchard, 1/6; *Chess Sacrifices and Traps*, 1924, A. Emery, 2/3; *Chess of To-day*, 1924, A. Emery, 2/3; *My Chess Career*, 1920, J. R. Capablanca, 6/-; *The Middle Game in Chess*, 1922, E. Znosko-Borovsky, 8/6; *Field Book of Chess Generalship*, 1923, F. K. Young, 9/-; *Chess Problems and How to Solve them*, 1923, B. G. Laws, 2/3; *Adventures of my Chessmen*, 1924, G. F. Anderson, 3/-; *All Change Here*, 1919, P. H. Williams and R. Gevers, 5/-. Condition as new. Postage extra. Apply, R. H. S. Stevenson, 45 Clapham Road, London, S.W.9.

CHAMPIONS, No. 2: MR. F. NETTLETON, ESSEX.

Mr. Nettleton learnt the game at home as a boy, where his father taught all the family to play. He was soon able to beat the rest, but during his school and college days he had no time for chess. It was not until 1891 that his interest in it received a galvanic shock. Going



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Chess Association, by the courtesy of the
producer).

one day on business into the City News Rooms, Ludgate Circus, he strolled through the premises and reached the third floor where several games of chess were being played. One end game especially attracted his attention and it was being keenly followed by several other onlookers. It ended a draw but he showed how it might have been won. They all looked up and one asked him to have a game. "Oh! that game," says Mr. Nettleton. "He amused himself with me; he got me in a hopeless position and checkmated me before I thought the game was half-way through. At first the others watched the game, then they laughed, and then went away. He had, indeed, made me look foolish. But he was very nice; said I only wanted practice; told me a club had been recently formed; invited me to join and that he would introduce me to players of equal calibre, etc., and I joined,

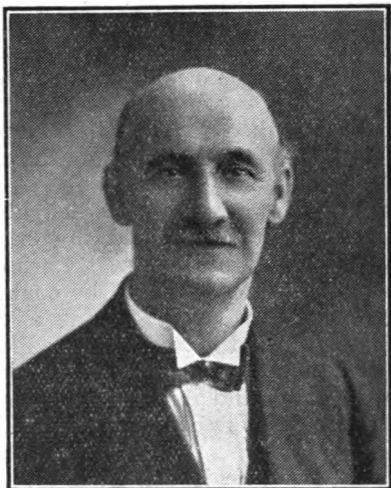
learnt, improved and fought my way to the top."

Mr. Nettleton continues as follows: "Few in London recognise what valuable service that old club, the C.N.R., did for the chess world. There was a club—the Ludgate Circus, opposite at Oliphants Cafe—though friendly, they did not like the C.N.R.: they were not going to be beaten by a mushroom club. The rivalry flamed up and great efforts were made, and the 'official' records are in the *Metropolitan Magazine*, and in No. 4, of 24 September, 1892, it is stated that the membership had nearly reached the high figure of 100, and the club had joined the first division of the league. In the copy of 8th October, the names are printed of the C.N.R. 3rd team *v.* Lee 2nd team, including my name 6th on the list as having beaten Mr. Sturton. In the copy of 29th October there is the record of a 20 board match *v.* Ludgate Circus 1st team, in which my name is

again mentioned on board 10 beating Mr. J. H. Taylor. But the jealousy did not stop at 20 board matches: they played 50 board matches, spreading the influence of the game over all London, and at last by the combined efforts of Mr. T. H. Moore, the genial secretary of the Ludgate Circus Club, and Mr. C. T. Barnard, the virile secretary of the C.N.R., a grand match, North v. South of London, of 100 a-side, was played at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday, 9th May, 1896. I had the pleasure of beating Mr. T. H. Moore on board 40. My progress was always upwards until 1893, and I reached the top by winning the championship and the gold medal. How often does my memory go back to the struggles of those days and those companions in the fights? Maurice with his parrot phrase, 'pretty, but not strong'; G. Freeman, the champion draughts player, but who mostly played chess, and Hampton, who used to frighten and amaze his opponents by discussing the opening and quoting the masters in their favourite variations. Fancy your feelings on making an early move to hear something like this: 'Bishop to Bishop 4. Ah! that was Morphy's move against Steinitz, but Paulsen says K—Q B 3 should be played first. However, Bird beat Mason in the Vienna tournament by this move.' It was really wonderful how he studied and could remember the games of the masters. And then there was Pearson, who was not a great player, but who could boast that there was never a problem he could not solve.

"But a removal caused me to break away from the C.N.R., and I joined the Acton Club, and was also a member of the L.C.C. in 1901. It was as 1st board for the L.C.C. in the London Chess League that I met my strongest opponents. In the *Staff Gazette*, of April, 1902, my game v. W. J. Phillips, of the Ibis Club (who until that game had not lost a game that season) is given, and in 1903 such players as T. L. Davis, Mrs. Fagan and L. Serrailier, were met and overcome. But it was still in the Civil Service League that such players as R. P. Mitchell, G. E. Wainwright and J. P. Savage were met, for each of the Services have a very strong man playing 1st board. And at the L.C.C. I won the Torrance prize for the most successful match winner.

"In 1903 there was a discussion between chess authorities as to whether my nationality was English or Irish. I was born in London, but of Irish parents, and had a brother just older born in Dublin.



MR. F. NETTLETON,
Champion of Essex, 1925-26.

It was decided that I was Irish because my mother had made a mistake in coming to England too early. I played for Ireland and won my game.

"Perhaps the zenith of my ambition was reached on the 27th September, 1906, when Mr. Blackburne consented to play with me, and I drew with the great master. But there is a faint suspicion that he knew my desire and kindly let me off. Of course it was a nasty person who could make such a suggestion!

"Then coming to Southend to live and joining the local club again I pushed my way to the top until I met T. R. E. Ross, the old City of London champion, in the championship and won, thus gaining the gold medal.

"Now I am greatly delighted to have won the championship of Essex and thus hold the beautiful cup given to the cause by Mr. R. A. Jones. It was I who first suggested to Mr. Jones at a committee meeting that he could help the cause more than he had ever done before by giving a cup for the county, instead of just helping us locally. He listened kindly to the suggestion, which was strengthened, and practically decided in a walk that we had together afterwards, and it is a great pleasure to think that I have a second time brought it back to Southend where he was so well known and loved.

"My wife is delighted and is already claiming the medal to adorn herself.

"I only play for the love of the game and in my spare time, and have no leisure to study the finer intricacies in order to go further."

THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION AND THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The statutes and regulations of the F.I.D.E. (Fédération Internationale des Echecs) are now printed, in the French language, by the Imprimerie Louis Kaldor, Paris. They are too long for reproduction in full in our pages; but probably it will be of interest to our readers to see what suggestions are to be put forward at the forthcoming congress of the F.I.D.E. in Budapest for adoption as the rules governing the championship—which therein is called the championship of the F.I.D.E., rather than that of the world. We therefore give the gist of these suggestions.

The General Assembly is to make out annually a list of four "candidates" for the championship of the F.I.D.E., the candidate at the head of the list being called the "official candidate," and the title of champion going to him in event of the actual champion's abdication or death. The General Assembly may require a match to be played for the title, in which case the Central Committee will negotiate with the champion and the official candidate and arrange the conditions. If the Central Committee's efforts fail, the General Assembly may award the title. The champion, after winning a match for the championship, can refuse all challenges for two years.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

The first match in the tournament arranged by Kent County Chess Association as a memorial to the late W. W. White, took place at Maidstone on May 1st and was a highly successful gathering. Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., spoke inaugurating the competition, while Canon Sopwith and Sir Edward Sharp, Bart., responded.

But for the strike Metropolitan Kent would have played East Kent at Herne Bay on May 8th. Two strong teams of 36 a-side were ready for the fray. This, however, is only a postponement, and the match will be contested as soon as possible. The two winning teams will then play a final for possession of the trophy.

Mid-Kent v. West Kent, at Church Institute, Maidstone, 1st May, 1926.

WEST KENT.

1 N. B. Holmes (Cranbrook)	1
2 C. Chapman (Sevenoaks)	0
3 G. Tregaskis (Bromley)	1
4 W. M. Brooke (Tunbridge Wells)	1
5 Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P.	0
6 E. L. Nickels (Tunbridge Wells)	½
7 C. F. Corke (Sevenoaks)	½
8 F. C. Papé (Tunbridge Wells)	1
9 T. M. Wechsler (Bromley)	1
10 E. J. McCormick (Cranbrook)	½
11 Prof. R. W. Genese (Tunbridge Wells)	0
12 R. D. Gillon-Fergusson (T'bridge Wells)	0
13 A. Wechsler (Bromley)	1
14 A. E. C. Wells (Sevenoaks)	0
15 J. W. G. Jamieson (Tunbridge Wells)	1
16 N. D. Sheffield (Sevenoaks)	1
17 Dr. Wechsler (Bromley)	1
18 H. S. Robinson, B.Sc. (Mark Cross)	½
19 W. A. Davidson (Woolwich)	0
20 J. W. Thomas (Orpington)	0
21 F. H. Tagg (Orpington)	½
22 M. H. Clarke (Tunbridge Wells)	1
23 L. W. Passmore (Tunbridge Wells)	1
24 Mrs. Thompson (Orpington)	1
25 D. C. Cozens (Cranbrook)	1
26 A. Thompson (Orpington)	1
27 G. P. Bailey (Tunbridge Wells)	1
28 G. K. Todd (Cranbrook)	0
29 L. J. Sell (Tunbridge Wells)	1
30 J. Manson (Orpington)	1
31 D. Hanmore (Tunbridge Wells)	0
32 H. W. S. Wynter (Orpington)	1

MID. KENT.

W. T. Hurley (Rochester)	0
C. G. Spicer (Maidstone)	1
A. C. Holliday (Chatham)	0
P. Sullivan (Dartford)	0
Rev. D. R. Fotheringham (Charing)	1
W. B. Robinson (Maidstone)	½
Dr. C. Firth (Gravesend)	½
H. Ransom (Maidstone)	0
H. Stanford (Rochester)	0
R. H. Le Pelley (East Malling)	½
H. J. C. Malins (Maidstone)	1
C. E. Woolmer (Rochester)	1
P. L. Jones (Maidstone)	0
T. L. Black (Rochester)	1
J. F. Cross (Dartford)	0
M. Wilson (Maidstone)	0
Rev. H. H. Longuet-Higgins (Lenham)	0
T. M. Fenwick (Maidstone)	½
W. H. Chrystie (Maidstone)	1
T. Cloke (Maidstone)	1
L. T. Ballard (Maidstone)	½
W. J. Cross (Dartford)	0
G. G. Homan (Chatham)	0
E. Waters (Maidstone)	0
C. H. Groom (Lenham)	0
S. G. Mead (Dartford)	0
W. J. Stratton (Erith)	0
L. Stratton (Erith)	1
Lady Goodenough (Chatham)	0
R. A. Collins (Maidstone)	0
J. Wadkin (Dartford)	1
Sir Edward Sharp, Bart. (Maidstone)	0

20½

11½

North Wales Chess Association.—The annual meeting of the North Wales Chess Association was held on Friday, April 16th, at Craigsidde Hydro, Llandudno, a room having been placed at the disposal of the Association by the directors, one of whom (Mr. Firth) attended personally, and acted as host for the occasion. In the absence, through illness, of the president, J. B. C. Kershaw, of Colwyn Bay, H. A. Smyth, of Rydal School, acted as chairman of the meeting, which was attended by delegates from the Wrexham, Colwyn Bay, Bangor University, Rydal School and Llandudno Chess Clubs; Rhos and Holyhead being the only two clubs not represented at the meeting. The hon. secretary's report on the results of the matches played during the season, and the hon. treasurer's report, giving the financial position up to April 30th,

were read and passed. The final match in the tournament for the trophy between Colwyn Bay and Rhos (Wrexham) had resulted in a draw of three games each, and the winner of the massive Silver Rook for the season 1925-26 could not be announced therefore at the meeting, since a replay of the final match is necessary.

The election of officers resulted as follows: president, H. Higginbottom, Llandudno; hon. secretary and treasurer, J. F. Moss Llandudno; match captain for North Wales, H. A. Smyth, Rydal School. On the suggestion of Mr. Caldecott, Wrexham, a sub-committee was appointed to discuss the arrangements for holding an individual chess championship for North Wales, and the hon. secretary was instructed to arrange matches if possible next autumn, with county teams. Votes of thanks to the retiring president, to the hon. secretary and treasurer, and to the directors of the Craigsidde Hydro for their hospitality concluded the meeting.

In the final round of the Nottinghamshire Chess Association, J. W. Broadbent beat F. J. Hingley and thus becomes the holder of the J. N. Derbyshire championship trophy, a handsome solid silver Chess Castle, for the ensuing year.

Hants League.—In the final match for the above, the Vectis Chess Club succeeded in defeating Andover as follows:—

VECTIS.					ANDOVER.				
1	A. J. Taylor	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. J. Eaton	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	G. Hamilton	..	..	..	*1	E. Reynolds	..	..	*0
3	J. H. Carroll	..	..	..	1	A. B. Dewar	..	..	0
4	P. L. Blakely	..	..	..	1	P. E. Talbot	..	..	0
5	A. Matthews	..	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$	T. Clark	..	..	* $\frac{1}{2}$
6	A. P. Blakely	..	..	..	0	J. H. Powell	..	..	1
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The Richardson cup has resulted in a tie between Glasgow and Glasgow Central, and as the replay also produced a drawn match, these clubs will consider themselves entitled to divide the honours.

The annual meeting of the Glasgow Ladies' Chess Club was held in "The Eldon," Renfield Street, on Thursday, 4th May, at 3-30 p.m. There was a large attendance of members, and the chair was taken by the hon. president, Mrs. Lillie. This lady in her address expressed regret that owing to illness, Mrs. Ross, the president of the club, was unable to be present.

The secretary's report showed the membership to be thirty-six. During the season the club played in the Spens cup competition, losing to Falkirk C.C. by 3—4. In the Robertson cup competition they defeated Edinburgh Ladies' C.C. by 5—2. They took fourth place in the Second Division of the Glasgow Chess League, winning five matches, drawing two and losing three. Several friendly matches were played. Two evenings had been devoted to simultaneous chess, J. A. McKee (Scottish champion) playing one evening, and J. R. Draper (Central C.C.) on the other.

The club competitions resulted as follows:—

Championship and president's prize: won by Mrs. Brockett. Gibb cup (handicap) and vice-president's prize: won by Mrs. W. Thomson. Second class and hon. president's prize: won by Mrs. J. F. Thomson after a tie with Mrs. McChlery.

The following office-bearers were elected: hon. president, Mrs. Lillie; president, Mrs. Forrester; vice-president, Miss Wardhaugh; captain, Mrs. Reed; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Brockett.

The members were entertained to tea by the retiring president, Mrs. Ross.

At the close of this very successful season a collection was made for the funds of the S.C.A. towards the expenses in connection with the forthcoming B.C.F. congress.

Friendly match played at Hastings on April 24th, 1926.

HASTINGS.					BRIXTON.				
1	G. M. Norman	..	..	1	H. G. Felce	..	..	..	0
2	J. A. J. Drewitt	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	H. J. Stephenson	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. A. Felce	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	J. A. Watt	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Coman	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	Miss Menchik	..	..	1	Dr. F. St. J. Steadman	..	..	..	0
6	H. W. W. Hore	..	..	0	A. H. Brooks	..	..	..	1
7	E. A. Lewcock	..	..	0	F. Vincent	..	..	..	1
8	P. J. Penny	..	..	0	V. Tempest	..	..	..	1
9	H. V. Bonham	..	..	1	W. J. Bengé	..	..	..	0
10	A. Mortlock	..	..	1	T. R. Eamer	..	..	..	0
11	W. G. Watson	..	..	1	A. E. Pavey	..	..	..	0
12	A. J. Kidney	..	..	1	E. W. Punnett	..	..	..	0
13	W. E. Leffer	..	..	1	B. Herring	..	..	..	0

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Cassell's Chess and Draughts Club have won the Printing and Allied Trades' Chess League trophy (a silver King mounted on an ebony base) for the past season. Medals are provided for the individual players. The officers of the winning club are: patron, A. Bain Irvine; president, D. G. Milne; hon. secretary, R. M. Rham. The club's headquarters are at La Belle Sauvage, E.C.4.

The Rev. C. E. Hughes is leaving Maltby and taking up a living near Oxford. This will be a great loss to Yorkshire chess, especially among the boys.

The British News editor of the *B.C.M.* is particularly gratified at some of the resolutions passed at the meeting of Yorkshire County Chess Association; points which he has strongly recommended in the journal for a considerable time.

The first was that the Edwin Woodhouse cup should in future be a permanent trophy, never to be won outright. J. Croysdale, on behalf of the Leeds Chess Club offered to present the original cup (won outright by them in 1913) back to the Association for all future contests. This sporting offer was gratefully accepted.

The second point is that it should be compulsory to claim the game when a player exceeds the time limit. This has a much greater bearing on the results of matches and tournaments than most players have any idea.

There are a large number who think it is unsportsmanlike to claim on the time limit, with the result that many a win is lost to the team or player concerned. Actually, of course, the individual who continues to play after the time limit is exceeded is cheating the other players in the tournament, and in the last few Kent congresses a rule has been inserted that should such an action come to the notice of the committee, the game will be scored as lost by both players.

It seems impossible to establish the fact that it is unnecessary to *claim* such a game: it is finished without claiming! When one player checkmates another he does not say "I claim the game because you are checkmated." There is no more necessity to make a formal claim when the time-limit is exceeded. The game is over.

Another excellent suggestion was that fixtures should be arranged earlier in the season. This would give great help to all club secretaries to avoid clashing and would stimulate interest by the early publication of the fixtures.

And finally the proposal to hold larger matches of say 50 a-side as we do in the South (this remark is made in all humility) will soon bear fruit a hundredfold. By this means a larger number of players are enabled to represent their county and feel that they are really a unit in its constitution.

All this combined with the fact noted elsewhere that Yorkshire will raise £350 to capitalise their yearly contribution towards the holding of the national congress shows that Yorkshire chess organisation is in a very advanced and virile state.

P. J. Lawrence has won the Berks. county championship by beating H. Cryford (holder) in the final. Lawrence also won the Reading Chess Club tournament without losing a game. This season he has only lost two games in all, one in the Montague Jones cup v. Hants. and one in the Reading and District Chess League.

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE.

FULL RESULTS, 1925-26.

FIRST DIVISION : 20 A-SIDE.

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	T'l.	G's.
1 Hampstead	—	11	8	7½	11½	12½	13½	12½	10	12½	14	16	14½	13	10½	156½
2 Brixton	9	—	9	10½	11	10½	8	10½	13	14	14	16½	13	15½	10	154½
3 North London ..	12	11	—	9	9	12½	8½	11½	12½	11½	16	10½	15	12½	10	151½
4 Battersea	12½	9½	11	—	12½	9	12½	9	13	8½	11½	14	14	14½	9	151½
5 Ludeagle	8½	9	11	7½	—	12½	13	8½	15	13½	11	17½	12	14	9	153
6 West London ..	7½	9½	7½	11	7½	—	12½	11	12	11½	16½	13½	15	13	9	148
7 Leyton	6½	12	11½	7½	7	7½	—	9	13½	12	15	12½	12	13	8	139
8 Metropolitan ..	7½	9½	8½	11	11½	9	11	—	11½	11½	14	14½	17½	16	8*	153
9 Athenaeum	10	7	7½	7	5	8	6½	8½	—	9½	11	14	11	13½	4½	117½
10 Bohemians	7½	6	8½	11½	6½	8½	8	8½	10½	—	8½	14	6	11½	4	115½
11 Lewisham	6	6	4	8½	9	3½	5	6	9	11½	—	8	12	14½	2*	103
12 Wood Green ..	4	3½	9½	6	2½	6½	7½	5½	6	12	—	12½	15½	15½	2*	97
13 Islington	5½	7	5	6	8	5	8	2½	9	14	8	7½	—	11	1*	86½
14 Lee	7	4½	7½	5½	6	7	7	4	6½	8½	5½	4½	9	—	0	82½

* Lose one point under 'default' rule.

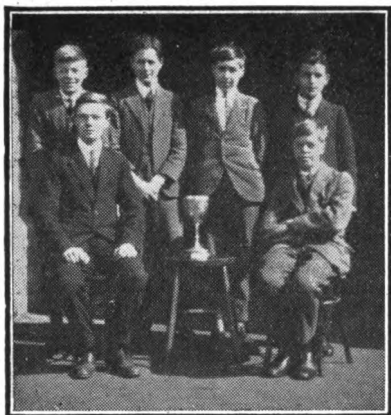
SECOND DIVISION : 12 A-SIDE.

	I	2	3	4	5	6	P'ts.	G's.
1 Battersea II	—	—	6 6	8½ 7	9½ 6	9½ 9	8 8½	8½ 78
2 Harrow	6 6	—	—	7½ 4	7 6	9 9	7 7½	7½ 69
3 Claremont	3½ 5	4½ 8	—	—	6 2½	7½ 7½	7½ 7½	5½ 59½
4 Old Wilsonians ..	2½ 6	5 6	6 9½	—	—	5½ 12	6 9	5 67½
5 North London II ..	2½ 3	3 2½	4½ 4	6½ 0	—	—	2½ 9	2 37½
6 Referee	4 3½	5 4½	4½ 4½	6 3	9½ 3	—	—	1½ 47½

Home and Home matches.

THIRD DIVISION : 8 A-SIDE.

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	P'ts.	G's.
1 Railway Clearing House ..	—	4½	4	4	6½	4	6½	6	5½	35½
2 Finchley	3½	—	4½	3	4	4½	4½	5½	4½	29½
3 Regent Street Polytechnic ..	4	3½	—	5½	3½	4	5½	5½	4	31½
4 Hampstead II	4	5	2½	—	5	3½	2	5½	3½	27½
5 Battersea III	1½	4	4½	3	—	6	4	2	3	25
6 Central Y.M.C.A.	4	3½	4	4½	2	—	4	4	3	26
7 Britannic House	1½	3½	2½	6	4	4	—	4	2½	25½
8 Clapham Common	2	2½	2½	2½	6	4	4	—	2	23½



BOYS WITH THE WILSON CUP.

SUTTON D., BAKER,
BENNETT, SUTTON G., HUNT WITH THE
BUTLER CUP.

WILSON CUP.

HASTINGS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.						BRIGHTON MUN. SECONDARY SCHOOL.					
1	R. Crouch	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Sutton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	L. Norman	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Sutton	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	S. Thorpe	..	..	..	0	F. Baker	..	..	..	1	
4	D. Riley	..	..	..	1	C. Bennett	..	..	..	0	
5	F. Jukes	..	..	..	1	W. Bennett	..	..	..	0	
6	L. Crouch	..	..	..	1	R. Hunt	..	..	..	0	
4						2					

tournament, the cup was won by F. J. H. Elwell with 12 points out of 14—a fine performance in view of the heavy odds conceded—and the trophy (for players below the Rook class) was gained by F. Hejl. The continuous tournament was won by B. M. Hobby and the handicap knockout by H. H. R. Northover.

The Hampstead Chess Club, as reported last month, succeeded in holding the championship of the "A" Division of the London Chess League, but this time by the narrowest possible margin of half a point.

The struggle throughout was exceptionally keen, and after Hampstead had been badly beaten by Battersea, North London had a good chance, but lost unexpectedly to Leyton.

The following were the best records of those who played in at least five of the thirteen matches:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Average board	Percent- age.
Miss Chater	5	4	1	—	17.2	90.0
J. S. Russell	5	4	1	—	18.4	90.0
R. C. Griffith	13	10	3	—	3.9	88.5
W. E. Bonwick	6	4	2	—	6.3	83.3
W. Winter	10	6	4	—	2.1	80.0
E. Williams	13	8	3	2	11.2	73.1
W. Eldridge	13	6	6	1	14.6	69.4

V. Buerger, on board 1.1, drew five of his ten games and M. E. Goldstein, on board 2.5, drew eight out of eleven games.

Recognising the need of new blood to replace the veterans who must inevitably drop out of the team, the Hampstead committee has set itself to encourage rising young players, and has hopes that S. Y. Harwich, G. H. Rowson and E. J. Scrimgeour, who competed in the boys' championship not long ago, will carry on the traditions of the club.

The championship of the club has once again been won by R. C. Griffith, with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ out of seven games.

W. Winter had to withdraw as he was representing the Hampstead Club for the *Budget* cup. One other player also had to retire on account of business reasons.

The holder for the past two years, A. E. Mercer, seemed to be quite out of form, and second and third places were obtained by H. G. Dowden, 5, and E. Busvine, 4.

The following interesting letter appeared in a recent issue of the *Morning Post*. We understand the board has arrived at the City of London Chess Club and will form another of the interesting relics which have accumulated at that famous chess establishment.

CHESS IN VANCOUVER.

SIR G. THOMAS'S ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE GAME.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "MORNING POST."

Sir,—Some time ago Sir George Thomas visited Vancouver with a

Badminton team and showed us how the shuttlecock should be shuttled. There are some chess enthusiasts living in North Vancouver who have built a little shack for a club. They were aware that Sir George was a British chess champion, and they determined to get hold of him for an exhibition game. He was very sorry, he told us, that he could not accept the invitation. He had refused to play in Montreal and Toronto. The strain of travelling had been great. He had got in at five o'clock that morning, and was leaving on Monday. He was booked up every moment.

His refusal was accepted with a casual mention of the little shack we had built, and, like a good sport, he cancelled all his other arrangements and played our first twelve boards simultaneously. We did our best, but very courteously he defeated all of us. The sportsmanlike disregard for his own comfort shown by Sir George Thomas in visiting our shack to help our chess has given us much pleasure. We have made a chess board from British Columbia wood which bears this inscription :—

“ Presented by the North Vancouver Chess Club to the City of London Chess Club in appreciation of our visitor, your member, Sir George Thomas.”

The chess board has started out on its 6,000 miles journey to the Agent-General for British Columbia in London for presentation.

Yours, etc.,

R. F. CRUISE.

VANCOUVER CLUB,
VANCOUVER, B.C. *April 3rd.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHAMPIONSHIP PORTRAITS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—I trust it will be found possible to insert more championship portraits as Mr. Nettleton suggests.

I should like to see the clubs contribute towards cost of production, and receive a copy of the photo of their champion in return.

Very few Southend players read your magazine, very few belong to the local club, and only four could be found this year to compete for the cup presented by our great local benefactor for the county championship. Several bright suggestions like this one of Mr. Nettleton's might set the ball rolling all round.

Yours faithfully,

55a CHESTNUT GROVE,
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA. *9th April, 1926.*

H. A. MELVIN

GAME No. 5,675.

Played in the recent boys' championship tournament at Hastings.
Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W. F. DARKE		D. ORGANE		W. F. DARKE		D. ORGANE	
1	P—K 4	1	P—Q B 4	9	P×P	9	B P×P
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	10	Kt×P	10	P×Kt
3	P—Q 4	3	P×P	11	B×P	11	R—Kt 1
4	Kt×P	4	P—K Kt 3	12	Q—B 3	12	Kt—B 3
5	K B—B 4	5	B—Kt 2	13	R—K 1 ch	13	K—B 1
6	Kt×Kt	6	Kt P×Kt	14	Q B—Kt 5	14	Q×B
7	Kt—B 3	7	P—K 3	15	Q R—Q 1 !	15	Q—R 4
8	Castles	8	P—Q 4	16	Q—R 3 ch !		Resigns

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS

W. Winter in Paris.—The strong London player, W. Winter, has recently been engaged in three short matches in the French capital, though not against French players. The first was against Max Romih, formerly of Trieste, who is known to us through his participation in the Bromley congress of 1925. This match Winter won by 5—3, with three draws. He then took on A. Ratner, a Russian resident in Paris, whom he beat by 3—1, with one draw. On May 17th he was due to begin a match against another Russian, S. Potemkin.

This international practice should have a good effect on Winter's playing strength.

Canada.—We have received three numbers of *Le Pion*, that excellent Montreal chess publication edited by Antoine Lamothe, which supplies its readers with not only the most recent Canadian news but also nearly as up-to-date information from the rest of the chess world. From it we see that a subscription list has been opened for the financing of the next Canadian championship.

A. Vaillancourt won the Quebec "eliminary" tournament; but in a match with R. Campagna, the champion of Quebec, he was beaten 4—0.

In the Montreal championship, D. Le Dain led after the 8th round with a score of four wins to one loss, three of his games being adjourned.

G. Eastman has won the championship of the Toronto C.C.

The Canadian championship will be contested in Montreal during the week commencing August 22nd.

South Africa.—Dr. M. Blieden has won the championship of the chess section of the Union Club, Johannesburg, for the second year in succession.

Of two matches, in March and April, between the Durban C.C. and the Railway and Harbour Institute, Durban, the R. and H.I. unexpectedly won the first 6—2, but in the return match the senior club, with a very strong team, won by $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. N. W. H. Birkett, top board for the R. and H.I., had the satisfaction of winning both his games, *v.* L. Slawsky and Dr. McCord.

Australia.—The following nine entries were accepted for the Australian championship held in Sydney during Easter: W. S. Viner, S. Crakanthorp, A. E. N. Wallace, H. V. Crane and W. H. Jonas (all N.S.W.), S. Woinarski (Victoria), J. Sayers (W. Australia), L. R. V. Boyce (Queensland), and E. Ingledew (Tasmania). C. J. S. Purdy, L. Elworthy and A. C. Shoebridge also entered from N.S.W.,

but were rejected. Purdy's failure to gain acceptance is a little surprising, for he is the young New Zealand champion of 1924. Neither G. Gundersen nor C. G. Watson (of Victoria) was able to compete.

At half-way through the Victorian championship F. Vaughan led with 6 wins and a draw in 7 games. E. D. Stanes stood second with 6 wins and a loss.

The tie-match between E. Ingledew and O. Vince for the Tasmanian championship ended with the score 1—1 and a draw. The 1926 honour will apparently, therefore, remain undecided. Ingledew won in 1924 and 1925.

New Zealand.—The telegraphic club championship of N.Z. has been won by Auckland, the various matches resulting as follows: Otago 7, Canterbury 5; Auckland 7, Wellington 5; Auckland 6, Otago 6; Canterbury 6, Wellington 6; Wellington 6½, Otago 5½; Auckland 7, Canterbury 5.

The Wellington C.C. held its 50th annual general meeting on March 23rd, when an active membership of 67 and a small profit on the year's transactions were reported.

Malta.—O. S. Inglott, champion of Malta, has retained his title defeating J. Soler, his challenger, by 8—6, with 4 draws.

United States.—Playing against 27 members of the club that takes its name from him, F. J. Marshall recorded 21 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses.

On April 28th Dr. Emanuel Lasker returned to New York after a ten weeks' tour, having covered nearly 10,000 miles and kept every engagement, in spite of difficulties with the weather—the temperature at Duluth early in March being four degrees below zero and that at Seattle on the 17th of the month being between seventy and eighty.

On April 30th Dr. Lasker was the guest at a dinner of the Rice Progressive C.C.

Capablanca left Havana on May 5th, arriving in New Orleans next day. After a brief visit to Chicago he was expected in New York.

The Manhattan C.C. signalled its re-entry into the Metropolitan Chess League of New York by regaining the championship with a clean score of 9 wins. The Marshall C.C. was second with 8 wins and a loss.

The Manhattan's top boards were A. Kupchik, G. Maroczy and Edward Lasker.

Germany.—In the international match between Germany and Austria in Dresden at Easter, Austria scored 5½—2½ in the first round and 2—5 in the second, with one second-round game left for adjudication, on which the result of the match depended. Lovenc (A.) and Wagner (G.) won a game each on the top board.

The adjudication by the Dutch Chess Federation of the unfinished game, which was between Carls and Becker, awarded it to the former, so that Germany won the match by $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $7\frac{1}{2}$.

Bremen on March 21st beat Hanover $10\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$, and a week later defeated a Dutch team from Groningen $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Holland.—In commemoration of its fortieth year of existence, the Amsterdam C.C., on April 17th—19th, held a quadrangular tournament, in which the competitors were the masters, Dr. S. Tartakover, Dr. M. Euwe and E. Colle, and the young Utrecht amateur, J. H. Pannekoek. The rather surprising result was a victory for Colle, who scored $2\frac{1}{2}$ to Tartakover's 2, Euwe's $1\frac{1}{2}$, and Pannekoek's 0; but Colle quite deserved his success, achieving a fine win in his encounter with Euwe.

Sweden.—A match at Easter between Stockholm and Göteborg was won by the former $13\frac{1}{2}$ — $10\frac{1}{2}$. It was a two-round contest of 12 players a-side, and the teams were headed by H. Ljunggren and G. Nyholm, who drew both their games.

The chessplayers of Skania played two matches with Danish opponents, on March 24th and April 11th, the first at Hälsingborg and the second in Copenhagen. Skania won the first 19—7, while the other was drawn 6—6.

Denmark.—Erik Andersen has won the individual championship of Copenhagen, carrying with it the title of master.

Poland.—The national championship at Warsaw was won by D. Przepiorka, who scored $13\frac{1}{2}$ points in 17 games. Frydmann was second with 12 points.

Russia.—The championship of Moscow has been won by A. Rabinovitch, with $12\frac{1}{2}$ points to the 12 of Subarief and the $11\frac{1}{2}$ of Slonim and Cholokevitch. There were 18 entries.

Brazil.—The February number of *Xequê Mate*, now in its second year, has reached us, and we congratulate our contemporary on the excellent standard which it maintains. We note that a telegraphic match has been arranged between Rio de Janeiro and New York.

A. W. Mongredien, in the *Hamburgischer Correspondent*, embodies in a short chess story the end-game by D. Przepiorka which we published in our issue of March, 1925 (p. 129), together with the late Amos Burn's little joke mentioned in our May, 1925, number (p. 218). We were not the original publishers of the end-game, so we have no grievance; but Mr. Burn was the original maker of the joke!

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time, and games can be arranged at once in the handicap tourney.

We regret that the industrial dispute has interfered with correspondence play a little, but allowance will be made for any suspension of play during this period. The British Chess Federation have honoured us by placing the running of the Anglo-Irish correspondence match, in our hands. About seventy or eighty boards are required, and we would be obliged if members would notify us if they wish to play, and also if they do not. This will save us the trouble of writing each member separately. Any member of the B.C.F. is, of course, eligible to play. T. B. Rowland, "Rosedale," Bray, Co. Wicklow, is taking charge of the players for Ireland and also for the Irish Correspondence Chess Championship. A small fee is charged for the latter. L. Illingworth, "The Ways End," Foxton, Royston, Herts., is acting for the English side.

We will be at the Scarborough festival from May 21st, and all letters will be attended to on our return.

Jersey Match.—The score is now 4—1 in our favour, H. A. Clarke having won for us, and Mrs. Andrews for Jersey.

Trophies Tourney.—Class 1: Bussell beat F. W. Clarke; (*draws*) Gunston and F. W. Clarke, Gunston and Dewing, Bussell and Dewing, Bussell and Bodkin, Dewing and Illingworth. Class 2a: Parsons beat Ward; (J. W. Wood's score is cancelled); Ditcham beat Terry; Bardsley drew Maj. Jones. Class 2b: Lesser beat Wilson. Class 3a: Gurney beat Dutton. Class 3b: Hopkins beat Kennedy. Class 4a: Murray beat Griffin (*def.*); Richardson beat Heath and Murray. Class 4b: Davies beat Lambert; Houghton drew with Marsden; Miss Roper has resigned, score cancelled; Jagger has resigned and games are scored to his opponents. Class 5: Miss Eveling beat Boutland; Tyzack beat Lister; Mrs. Fish beat Tyzack and Mead; (*draws*) Derlien and Mrs. Fish, Halford and Bond, Halford and Miss Eveling; (*correction*) Mrs. Fish beat Miss Herridge, should have read, Mrs. Fish drew with Miss Herridge.

F. W. Clarke leads in class 1 by half a point, Bussell and Dewing next with 3 each. K. J. Jayne leads in class 2a with 6, Maj. Jones next with 5½ points. J. T. Steele leads in class 2b with 4½, E. Toledano next with 3 points. W. J. Gurney leads in class 3a with 4, J. E. Dutton next with 2 points. H. F. Lowe leads in class 3b with 7, A. F. Anderton next with 5 points. F. A. Richardson leads in class 4a with 6½, Murray, Hollingdale and Aston 4½ each. J. S. Marsden

leads in class 4b with $4\frac{1}{2}$, R. W. Houghton next with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points. Mrs. Fish leads in class 5 with $4\frac{1}{2}$, R. G. Tyzack next with 4 points.

The following game was played in the semi-final of No. 1 Knockout tourney, silver medal section.

GAME No. 5,676.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F. A. RICHARDSON	J. L. RYNDERS	F. A. RICHARDSON	J. L. RYNDERS	F. A. RICHARDSON	J. L. RYNDERS	F. A. RICHARDSON	J. L. RYNDERS
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 3	17 P—K R 3	17 P—B 4	17 P—K R 3	17 P—B 4	17 P—K R 3	17 P—B 4
2 P—K B 4	2 P—Q 4	18 P×P <i>e.p.</i>	18 P×P	18 P×P <i>e.p.</i>	18 P×P	18 P×P <i>e.p.</i>	18 P×P
3 P—K 5	3 P—Q B 4	19 P—Kt 4	19 Kt (R 3)—B 2	19 P—Kt 4	19 Kt (R 3)—B 2	19 P—Kt 4	19 Kt (R 3)—B 2
4 Kt—K B 3	4 Kt—Q B 3	20 P—Kt 5	20 P×P	20 P—Kt 5	20 P×P	20 P—Kt 5	20 P×P
5 P—Q 4	5 Q—Kt 3	21 R—Kt 1	21 P—R 3	21 R—Kt 1	21 P—R 3	21 R—Kt 1	21 P—R 3
6 P—B 3	6 Kt—R 3	22 P×P	22 P×P	22 P×P	22 P×P	22 P×P	22 P×P
7 P×P	7 B×P	23 Kt (B 3)×P	23 Kt×Kt	23 Kt (B 3)×P	23 Kt×Kt	23 Kt (B 3)×P	23 Kt×Kt
8 B—Q 3	8 P—Q R 4	24 B×Kt	24 R—B 2	24 B×Kt	24 R—B 2	24 B×Kt	24 R—B 2
9 Q—K 2	9 B—Q 2	25 B×B dis ch	25 R—Kt 2	25 B×B dis ch	25 R—Kt 2	25 B×B dis ch	25 R—Kt 2
10 Q Kt—Q 2	10 P—R 5	26 R×R ch	26 K×R	26 R×R ch	26 K×R	26 R×R ch	26 K×R
11 Kt—B 1	11 P—Q 5	27 R—Kt 5	27 B×R	27 R—Kt 5	27 B×R	27 R—Kt 5	27 B×R
12 Kt (B 1)—Q 2	12 P×P	28 B—B 6 ch	28 K—B 1	28 B—B 6 ch	28 K—B 1	28 B—B 6 ch	28 K—B 1
13 P×P	13 Q—R 4	29 Q—R 5	29 Kt—B 2	29 Q—R 5	29 Kt—B 2	29 Q—R 5	29 Kt—B 2
14 Kt—K 4	14 Castles	30 Kt—Kt 5	30 Q—B 2	30 Kt—Kt 5	30 Q—B 2	30 Kt—Kt 5	30 Q—B 2
15 R—Q Kt 1	15 Kt—Q 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16 B—Q 2	16 B—K 2	31 Kt×P ch	.....	31 Kt×P ch	.....	31 Kt×P ch	.....

A Canadian player, who will reply with views of Canada, wishes to play two members. Offers to play, to above address.

New Members.—R. Cherry Weaver, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; W. Barker, "Tremona," Cotton Road, Wolverhampton; F. W. Darby, "Glendair," 4 Hyde Park Road, Harrogate; J. B. Morgan, 1611-4a St. N.W. Calgary, Alberta, Canada; F. Newell, "Marple," Elmsworth Avenue, Heston, Hounslow, Middlesex.

SONNET TO CHESS.

Immortal game from out the Orient brought,
 Rich legacy of Persia's conquering might!
 Most cunning picture of a doughty fight,
 On equal ground, with equal armies fought!
 Thy fascination still shall hold its sway
 While hearty youth, or hoary-headed age
 Have leisure hours to try thy battle sage,
 And send thy noble pieces to the fray.
 Thou art the mother of bright-crowned thought,
 Of power the inmost minds of men to trace,
 Thou conqueror of class, of age, of race,
 Who thousands to uphold thy fame hast taught!
 Live on, and scorn the futile jests of those,
 With minds too weak for thee, who call themselves thy foes.
 T. H. SILCOCK (age 16).

CHESS IN ALASSIO.

A chess club has recently been formed at Alassio, in the Italian Riviera, called the Alassio British Chess Club, consisting of the chessplaying members of the British Club (Social) of that town which practically comprises all the English-speaking chess community of Alassio. A large room used occasionally as a lecture hall, has been set apart for the purpose, and is provided with a good chess equipment. There have been a fair number of chessplayers in Alassio during the past season, and these include several who have formerly been well known in chess circles. Amongst these are two veterans, who have not quite given up play; the Rev. Canon Vernon, now in his 90th year, who is a former champion of Bristol; and Dr. Clark, aged 86, who about forty years ago, played for England against America. Other players at Alassio include Sir



MR. STEWART S. BLACKBURNE

Harry Crump who, when a young man, played for Oxford University, and S. S. Blackburne, the author of *Terms and Themes of Chess Problems*. Mrs. Brian Harley who, as Miss Beddall, was the lady champion of Sussex, was playing in Alassio in the winter of 1924-25; and Mr. Chambers, a match-player of the London Metropolitan Chess Club, has been playing there during the past season.

The British Club, of which the newly-formed Alassio British Chess Club is a department, has recently been much enlarged, and besides the facilities it offers for chess, has three bridge rooms, a billiard room, reading and smoking rooms, lounge and a large central hall, with a stage, adapted for concerts and entertainments; and these attractions will, no doubt, appeal to chessplayers, equally with other people, and so, probably, increase the number of chess members in the club next winter. If so, it is then hoped to have some matches and tournaments.

Stewart Shirley Blackburne, whose name occurs above, will be known by all keen problemists on account of his book, *Terms and Themes of Chess Problems*, but a short account of some of his other activities may be interesting and new to them. He is a Kentish man having been born at Sydenham in 1857, but nine years later went to New Zealand. In time he played for Canterbury and Christchurch clubs and won prizes for problems in *Otago Witness* (first prize) and the *Kentish Mercury*. He was first secretary of the New Zealand Chess Association. Back in the old country in 1883, he helped to found

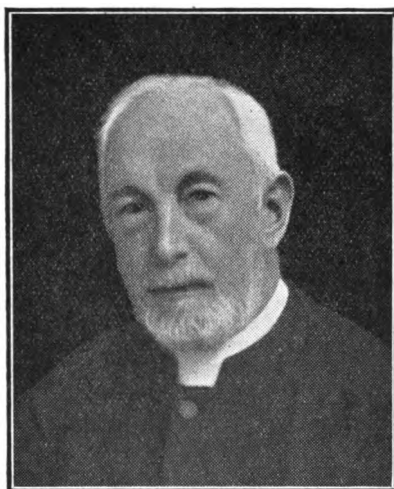
Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Association, and published the rules for that body. He also founded the Liberal Association of the Doncaster Division of Yorkshire. Back again in the dominions in 1906 he was appointed a J.P. for New Zealand and was in turn president and secretary of the Canterbury (N.Z.) Croquet Association. His rules for play by telegraph were added to the British chess code. Organising work has been his hobby except for the years when a spinal accident caused him to take up and elaborate the study of chess problems. He practised as a solicitor at Doncaster from 1881 to 1887 and then remained in New Zealand till 1923.

Canon Vernon was a Surrey man, born at Carshalton in 1837, and educated at Wadham College, Oxford. It was in 1881 that he won the championship of Bristol and Clifton, and with it a box of Staunton chessmen.

He remembers Paulsen and drew a game in 1862 which the master conducted blindfold. He beat Zukertort under similar conditions in 1882 and earlier as a frequenter of Simpson's Divan had various encounters with Herr Kling and Lowe. His son, J. E. H. Vernon, was once a regular member of the Surrey team.



Sir HENRY ASHBROOKE CRUMP, K.C., I.R., C.S., J.



REV. CANON VERNON

Sir Henry Crump was born in Devonshire and learnt to play chess at home as a boy. He played for his College (Balliol) in 1885, and for Oxford University 1882-5. He returned from the Indian Civil Service some time ago and came to live at Alassio.

We hope that all English chess players visiting or passing through Alassio will attend at the British Club and make themselves known to the colony. No warmer welcome awaits anyone anywhere than that accorded to a visitor. Add to that the fact that he is meeting his own countrymen in a foreign land and the attraction is complete.

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME No. 5,677.

Played in a London League match in January last. Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Gambit Accepted (in effect).

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| W. WINTER | F. F. L. ALEXANDER |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 Kt—Q B 3 | 3 P×P |
| 4 P—K 3 | 4 P—Q B 4 |
| 5 B×P | 5 Kt—K B 3 |
| 6 Kt—B 3 | 6 B—K 2 |
| 7 Castles | 7 Castles |
| 8 Q—K 2? | 8 P—Q R 3 |
| 9 R—Q 1 | 9 Q—B 2 |
| 10 P×P | 10 B×P |
| 11 P—Q Kt 3 | |

Not good here. Probably 11 B—Q 2 with Q R—B 1 to follow was better.

11 Kt—B 3

.....For Black should now have played 11... B—Kt 5! White could not reply 12 B—Kt 2, P—Q Kt 4; 13 B—Q 3, B×Kt; 14 Q R—B 1 because of 14... P—Kt 5; he would therefore have to fall back upon 12 Kt—Kt 1, P—Q Kt 4; 12 B—Q 3, and White has a backward game. It follows that White should have given the development of the Bishop precedence over that of the Queen at move 8.

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| 12 B—Kt 2 | 12 P—Q Kt 4 |
| 13 B—Q 3 | 13 Kt—Q Kt 5 |

.....Presumably hoping for 14 B—Kt 1, B—Kt 2; 15 P—Q R 3, Q Kt—Q 4; 16 Kt×Kt, B×Kt, with a comfortable position. But instead he gives White time to attack vigorously.

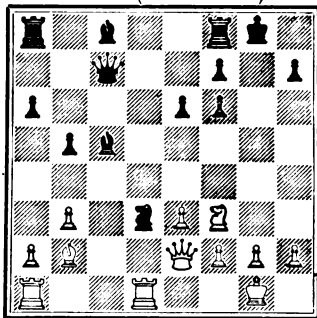
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| 14 Kt—K 4! | 14 Kt×B |
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.....The losing move! The only saving line was 14... Kt×Kt; 15 B×Kt, B—Kt 2; 16 B—K 5, Q—K 2 (... Q—Kt 3 loses by 17 B×P ch, K×B; 18 Kt—Kt 5 ch, K—Kt 3; 19 Q—Kt 4, P—B 4; 20 Q—Kt 3, and wins); 17 B×B, Q×B; 18 Q R—B 1, K R—B 1, and although White has a strong position Black is in no serious danger.

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| 15 Kt×Kt ch | 15 P×Kt |
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Position after 15... P×Kt

BLACK (ALEXANDER)



WHITE (WINTER)

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| 16 B×P! | 16 Kt—B 5 |
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.....He cannot, of course, extricate the Knight by 16... Kt—Kt 5 because of the reply 17 Kt—K 5 forcing mate; and the alternative of 16... Kt×P is a poor one, because White can still play 17 Kt—K 5, Q—Kt 2; 18 K×Kt and wins.

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| 17 P×Kt | 17 Q×P |
| 18 B—K 5 | 18 Q—B 4 |
| 19 Q R—B 1 | 19 B—Kt 3 |
| 20 Kt—Q 4 | |

Not 20 Kt—R 4, B×P ch! The text-move forces capture of the Knight, otherwise 21 R—B 3 follows.

21 R×B
22 R—Kt 4 ch
23 R—K B 4
24 P—K R 4

20 B×Kt.
21 P—B 3
22 K—R 1
23 Q—Kt 4

Not 24 Q—B 3 because ...
B—Kt 2 forces exchange of
Bishops.

24 Q—Kt 3

.....The alternative is 24...
Q—R 3; 25 Q—B 3, B—Kt 2;
26 R×P! R×R (26... Q×Q R ch;
27 K—R 2 wins); 27 B×R ch,
K—Kt 1; 28 Q—Kt 4 ch, K—
B 2; 29 B—Kt 5 and wins.

25 Q—B 3
26 R×P!
27 B×R ch
28 Q×B

15 B—Kt 2
26 R×R
27 K—Kt 1
28 Resigns

GAME No. 5,678.

Played in the Moscow Tournament. Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE
E. RABINOVITCH. P. ROMANOVSKY.

1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4
3 Kt—Q B 3
4 Q—Kt 3
5 P×P
6 B—Q 2

Not 6 B—K 3 because of ...
Kt—Kt 5; nor 6 B—B 4 because
of ..., Kt—K 5.

7 P—K 3
8 Kt—B 3
9 Castles

6 B×P
7 Castles
8 P—Q 4

A very bold course. A comparison with game No. 5,599, Werlinsky v. Bogoljuboff, in which the White player tried the same manoeuvre successfully, shows several important differences, e.g., here Black's Queen need not remain on the Queen's file, and White's Queen's Bishop is shut in. 9 B—K 2 and 10 Castles K R would be safer.

9 P×P
10 Q×B P
11 B—Q 3

10 Q—K 2
11 Kt—Q Kt 5

.....A far-sighted course. It soon appears that Black gets no later opportunity of preventing the advance of White's King's Pawn to the 5th; he has therefore discounted that line already.

12 B—Kt 1
13 Q—K R 4
14 P—K 4

12 P—Q Kt 3!
13 B—R 3
14 Kt—Q 6 ch

.....14... P—K 4 would soon land him in difficulties by 15 B—Kt 5, Q—K 3; 16 P—Q R 3, Kt—B 3; 17 Kt—Q 5, Kt—K 1; 18 B—R 2 with much superior position for White.

15 B×Kt
16 B—Kt 5

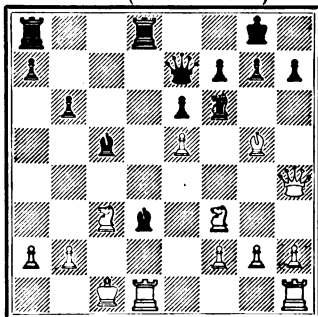
15 B×B

The natural-looking course, but it increases the weakness of his King's position. 16 Kt—K 1, or 16 P—K 5 seeking equality, would be more prudent.

16 K R—Q 1
17 P—K 5

Position after 17 P—K 5.

BLACK (ROMANOVSKY)



WHITE (RABINOVITCH)

17 B—R 6!

.....The surprise stroke.

18 P×Kt

As the Black Knight cannot move it would seem prudent to reserve the capture and try to make his King's quarters safe first; but how? 18 R×B, R×R; 19 Q—Q B 4, Q—Q 2! 20 K—B 2, R×Kt ch; 21 P×R, R—Q B 1 is much in Black's favour. 18 Q—R 4, P—Kt 4; 19 Q×B, P—Kt 5 exposes him to the full force of Black's attack; in this case, too, Black has a good alternative line in 18... Q R—B 1.

18 Q—B 4

19 B—Q 2

Now 19 R×B, R×R; 20 K—B 2, Q—B 4 is of no use to White.

19 B—Kt 3!

.....Provides against 20 Q—Kt 5 by 20... R×B; 21 Q×Q, R—B 7 ch, etc.; and threatens at an effective moment ... Q—B 4.

20 Q—R 4

20 P—Kt 4!

21 Q×B

If 21 Q×Kt P, Q R—Kt 1 wins. If 21 Q—R 5, Q—B 4 wins. If 21 Q—Kt 3, P—Kt 5; 22 B—K 3, Q×Kt ch; 23 Q×Q, P×Q; 24 R×R ch, R×R; 25 P×B, R—Kt 1; 26 K—Q 1, R—Kt 7 wins.

21 Q—B 4!

Resigns.

Because upon 22 Q—Kt 3, Q R—B 1, and the mate at Q Kt 1 is unavoidable. A very fine example of constructive attack on Black's part.

Games played in the Tournament at Semmering. Notes by J.H.B.

GAME NO. 5,679.

Queen's Pawn Game, Dutch Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
K. GILG	A. NIMZOVITCH
1 P—Q 4	1 P—K B 4
2 P—K Kt 3	2 P—Q 3
3 B—Kt 2	3 Kt—K B 3
4 P—Q B 3	

Unnecessary for the present. Black's second move indicates an intention to play ... P—K 4 as soon as possible; 4 Kt—Q B 3 or 4 B—Kt 5 would hinder it.

	4 Kt—B 3
5 Kt—K R 3	5 P—K 4
6 Castles	

6 B×Kt ch, followed by exchanging Pawns and Queens, would be poor policy, as Black easily consolidates his position and remains with two Bishops.

6 P—K R 3!

.....Limiting considerably White's mobility.

7 P—B 3

7 P—Q 4

.....A change of front. 7... B—K 2 and 8... Castles would be a consistent—and solid—line; 7... P—K Kt 4 and 8... B—Kt 2 a more aggressive one.

8 K—R 1

8 B—Q 3

9 P×P

9 Kt×P

10 Kt—Q 2

The Pawn he could gain here would be dearly bought; e.g. 10 P—K B 4, Kt—B 2; 11 B×P, Kt×B; 12 Q×Kt, Castles, with ... B—Q 2 and ... B—B 3 to follow.

10 Castles

11 P—K 4

Although this is what he has been playing for, it leaves him with an inferior position. A more patient line, such as 11 Kt—B 2 was better.

11 B P×P
12 Q Kt—Kt 5
13 R—K 1 13 Q—K 1

.....Audacious, but the right policy.

14 P×P 14 Q—R 4
15 Kt—B 1 15 B—Q B 4

.....This threatens to win a piece by 16.., Q×Kt, but it enables White to get rid of the dangerous Bishop.

16 B—K 3 16 B×B
17 Kt×B 17 B—Q 2
18 Q—Q 4! 18 Q R—K 1

.....Not 18.., Kt×Kt; 19 Kt—B 4, with a fair position for White.

19 Kt—B 1

A little relief would be obtained by 19 Kt×Kt, Kt×Kt; 20 K—Kt 1.

19 P—K Kt 4!

20 Kt—Kt 1

The final mistake. 20 K—Kt 1 or 20 P—B 4 would be comparatively safe.

(See diagram)

20 Kt—K 5!

.....This threatens not only

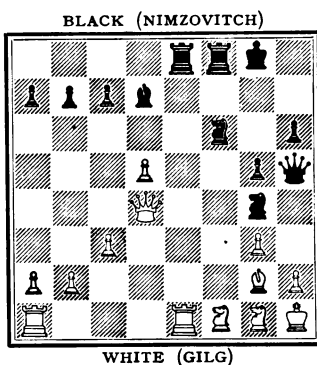
the direct smothered mate by ... Kt—B 7 ch, but another by 21.., Q×P ch; 22 Kt×Q, Kt×P mate; and still again 21.., R×Kt.

21 Kt—R 3 21 Kt(Kt5)—B 3
22 B×Kt

If 22 Kt—Kt 1, Kt—B 7 ch; 23 Q×Kt, Kt—Kt 5, and the White Queen is lost.

22 Kt×B
23 Kt—Kt 1 23 Kt—B 7 ch
24 K—Kt 2 24 B—R 6 ch
25 Resigns.

Position after 20 Kt—Kt 1.



GAME No. 5,680.

Queen's Pawn Game, Buda-Pesth Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
Dr. S. TARTAKOVER	Dr. S. TARRASCH
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 4
3 P×P	3 Kt—Kt 5
4 P—K 4	4 Kt×K P
5 Kt—Q B 3	

5 P—B 4, introduced by Alekhine, is usually played here, and it has been found that Black gets a seriously embarrassed game by playing the attacked Knight to K Kt 3; it has therefore to go to Q B 3, blocking one of the outlets (the chief one) of the other Knight. The tournament referred to on p. 179 (April), in which

these five moves on both sides were obligatory, had a rather surprising result in Black's favour. Dr. Tarrasch, in adopting the defence until lately held to be discredited, was no doubt primed with the latest investigations—a reflection which may well have led Dr. Tartakover to vary the usual order of the moves.

5 B—Kt 5
6 Kt—B 3 6 B×Kt ch
7 P×B 7 Q—K 2

.....7.., Kt×Kt ch would facilitate his own development by making Q B 3 available for the other Knight, and would forestall

the strong manoeuvre of White's Knight at move 9.

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| 8 B—K 2 | 8 Castles |
| 9 Kt—Q 4! | 9 P—Q 3 |
| 10 Castles | 10 Kt—R 3 |
| 11 P—B 4 | 11 Kt—B 3 |
| 12 R—K 1 | |

A fine move. Direct defence of the Pawn would give Black a good attack by ..., Kt—B 4 or/ and ..., Kt—R 4.

12 Kt×Kt

.....Perhaps assuming too readily that White must retake with Queen, but White has other views. 12..., Kt—B 4 was better.

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| 13 P×Kt | 13 Q×P |
| 14 B—B 3 | 14 Q—Kt 3 |
| 15 B—R 3 | 15 Q—B 3 |
| 16 Q—Q 2 | 16 P—B 3 |
| 17 P—Q 5! | 17 P—B 4 |
| 18 B—Kt 2 | 18 Q—Q 1 |

.....There was no other way to prevent R—K 7. White's sacrifice of a Pawn is now seen to have been an excellent speculation.

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| 19 Q—B 3 | 19 P—B 3 |
| 20 R—K 3 | 20 B—Q 2 |
| 21 Q R—K 1 | 21 R—B 2 |

.....21..., R—K 1 would not yield an exchange of Rooks, as White would reply 22 B—K 4.

(See diagram)

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| 22 P—Kt 4! | 22 Kt—B 2 |
| 23 P—Kt 5 | 23 Kt—K 1 |

.....Not 23..., P×P; 24 B—R 5.

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| 24 P—B 5 | 24 P×P |
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.....He can only give up the Exchange, and therefore seeks what compensation in Pawns may be obtainable.

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| 25 B—R 5 | 25 Kt—B 3 |
| 26 B×R ch | 26 K×B |
| 27 Q—Q 2 | |

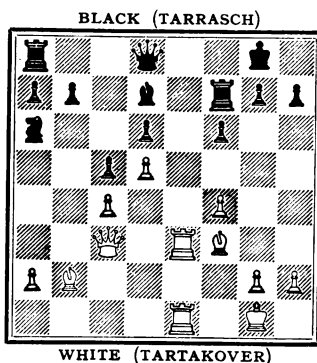
Intending to increase the already formidable pressure on the King's file—a stronger course than 27 R—K 7 ch.

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| 28 Q—K 2 | 27 Kt—Kt 1 |
| 29 R—B 3 | 28 B×P |
| | 29 Kt—R 3 |

.....Whichever way the Bishop be covered White continues 30 R×B ch!

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| 30 R×B ch | 30 Kt×R |
| 31 Q—K 6 ch | 31 K—B 1 |
| 32 Q×Kt ch | 32 K—Kt 1 |
| 33 Q—K 6 ch | 33 K—R 1 |
| 34 R—K B 1 | 34 Resigns. |

Position after 21..., R—B 2.



GAME No. 5,681.

Irregular Opening.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| A. NIMZOVITCH | A. RUBINSTEIN |
| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 P—Q 4 |
| 2 P—Q Kt 3 | 2 P—Q B 4 |
| 3 B—Kt 2 | 3 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 4 P—K 3 | 4 Kt—B 3 |

5 B—Kt 5

Up to 1914 this move was anathema in most forms of the close game; but Marshall and Bogoljuboff have since established it as a feasible defence to some forms of the Queen's Pawn Game.

- Q—Kt 6 ch, K—R 1; 40 B×P ch, R×B; 41 Q×R ch, K—Kt 1; 42 Q×B, Q×P ch; 43 K—K 1, Q—K 5 ch, and White will have great difficulty in escaping perpetual check. 37 R—B 3 would be no better; 37.., Q—Q 8 ch; 38 B—K 1, P—Q R 4! with winning prospects for Black. If 37 B—K 1, still P—Q R 4!
- 37 B—Q 2! 37 Q×P at B 7
- 38 B×P 38 Q—Kt 8 ch
 39 K—K 2 39 Q—B 7 ch
 40 K—K 3 40 B—Kt 3 ch
 41 K—K 4 41 Q—K 2 ch
 42 R—K 3!
- 42 B—K 3 ch of course wins but the text-move leaves Black no other resource than 42.., Q×R ch.
- 42 Resigns.

GAME NO. 5,682.

Notes (except the first two) chiefly condensed from those by R. Spielmann in *Wiener Schachzeitung*.

Greco Counter Gambit.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| R. SPIELMANN | A. NIMZOVITCH |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 P—K B 4 |

.....Pollock tried this on a few occasions nearly forty years ago, and in the Baden-Baden tournament last year Spielmann himself played it against te Kolstê; but its adoption by a front-rank master against another of equal standing is probably unique in tournament history. Even the *Handbuch*, devoting to it 28 columns of analysis, is unable to quote a single example between such opponents, and for illustrative games goes back to the days of Mayet, Hanstein and der Laza. This game was played quite late in the tournament, and Black's chance of first prize depended upon beating Spielmann.

3 Kt×P

Electing to rely upon the oldest and most practised form of the opening. 3 B—B 4 is of very dubious value. Schlechter's attempt at disproof of the counter-gambit was 3 P×P, P—K 5; 4 Kt—K 5, Kt—K B 3; 5 B—K 2, and this may perhaps be the best alternative to the text-move.

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| 4 P—Q 4 | 3 Q—B 3 |
| 5 Kt—B 4 | 4 P—Q 3 |
| 6 Kt—B 3 | 5 P×P |
| 7 P—Q 5 | 6 Q—Kt 3 |

M.C.O. follows *Larobok* in giving 7 P—B 3. Spielmann tells us that its recommendation in the Swedish manual was his own; and that in playing otherwise for this occasion he reasoned that an opponent who played the counter-gambit had certainly prepared himself in advance for 7 P—B 3. He is not, however, satisfied with the present alternative.

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| 8 B—K 3 | 7 Kt—K B 3 |
| 9 Q—Q 4 | 8 B—K 2 |
| 10 Kt—Q 2 | 9 Castles |
| | 10 P—B 4! |

.....10.., B—B 4 would only provoke an advance of White's King's side Pawns.

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| 11 P×P e.p. | 11 Kt×P |
| 12 Q—B 4 ch | 12 K—R 1 |
| 13 Castles | |

13 K Kt×P would cost a piece by the reply 13.., P—Q 4.

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| 14 P—B 3 | 13 B—Kt 5 |
| | 14 P—Q 4 |

.....A very enterprising line; the concluding remark of the first note supplies its explanation.

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| 15 Kt×Q P | 15 Kt×Kt |
| 16 Q×Kt | 16 P×P |
| 17 P×P | 17 Q R—B 1 |

.....17.., Q×P ch; 18 K×Q, Kt—Kt 5 ch; 19 K—Kt 1, Kt×Q leads only to equality. But Drs. Alekhine and Vidmar

concur in recommending here
17... Kt-Q Kt 5; 18 Q-Kt 3;
the former then followed with
18... Q R-B 1, the latter with
18... P-Q R 4.

18 B-Q 3

Not 18 P×B, Kt-Kt 5; 19
Q-K 4, R×P ch; 20 K-Kt 1,
R×Kt and wins.

18 B-K B 4

19 B×B

19 R×B

20 Q-B 4

20 P-Kt 4

21 Q-K Kt 4

21 Q-B 2

22 K R-Kt 1

22 Kt-Kt 5

23 P-B 3

23 Kt×P ch

24 K-Kt 1

24 P-Kt 5

25 B-Q 4

25 B-Kt 4

.....25... B-B 1 promises a
stouter resistance.

26 P-Q B 4

26 P-Kt 6

27 Kt-K 4

27 Q-Kt 3

(See diagram)

28 Q×B

The classical style!

28 R×Q

29 R×R

29 Q-B 2

.....29... Q-R 3 is the most
plausible looking of the Queen
moves; but then 30 Kt-Q 6,
R-B 1 (... R-B 2; 31 R-K 1).
31 Q R-K Kt 1 wins.

30 Kt-Q 6

30 Q×K B P

31 B×P ch

31 K-Kt 1

32 B-K 5 ch

32 K-B 1

33 R-B 5 ch

33 Q×R

34 Kt×Q

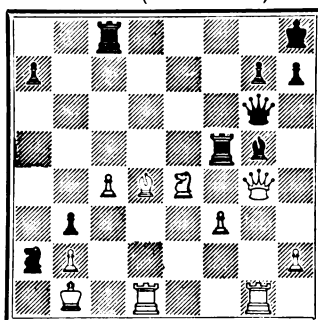
34 R×P

35 R-Q 8 ch

35 Resigns.

Position after 27... Q-Kt 3.

BLACK (NIMZOVITCH)



WHITE (SPIELMANN)

The two following games have been recently played by correspondence between groups of players representing the Grupo Ajedrecista de Mogente, Spain, and the Surrey County Chess Association. The Spanish players were Dr. Lafora and Senores Latorre and Navarro; the English players were Messrs. T. E. Haydon, K.C., Herbert Jacobs and E. G. Sergeant.

GAME NO. 5,683.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE SURREY	BLACK MOGENTE	WHITE SURREY	BLACK MOGENTE
1 P-K 4	1 P-K 4	14 P×P e.p.	14 B×P
2 Kt-K B 3	2 Kt-Q B 3	15 Q Kt-Kt 3	15 Q Kt×Kt
3 B-Kt 5	3 P-Q R 3	16 Kt×Kt	16 B-Kt 5
4 B-R 4	4 Kt-B 3	17 P-B 3	17 B-R 4
5 Castles	5 Kt×P	18 B-K 3	18 Q R-K 1
6 P-Q 4	6 P-Q Kt 4	19 Q-Q 2	19 Kt-Kt 2
7 B-Kt 3	7 P-Q 4	20 B-B 2	20 Kt-Q 3
8 P×P	8 B-K 3	21 P-Q Kt 3	21 P-Kt 5
9 P-B 3	9 B-K 2	22 P×P	22 P-R 4
10 Q Kt-Q 2	10 Castles	23 Q R-B 1	23 P×P
11 Q-K 2	11 Kt-B 4	24 Q×P	24 R-R 1
12 Kt-Q 4	12 Q-Q 2	25 B-Kt 1	Resigns
13 B-B 2	13 P-B 4		

GAME No. 5,684.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE MOGENTE		BLACK SURREY		WHITE MOGENTE		BLACK SURREY	
1	P—Q B 3	1	P—K B 4	11	B—Kt 2	11	Q—K 1
2	Q—B 2	2	P—K 4	12	Kt—B 3	12	Q—R 4
3	Q×P	3	Kt—Q B 3	13	B—K 3	13	P—B 3
4	Kt—B 3	4	P—Q 4	14	P—K R 3	14	B—K B 4
5	Q—B 2	5	P—K 5	15	Q—Q 2	15	Q R—K 1
6	Kt—Q 4	6	Kt×Kt	16	P—K Kt 4	16	Q—Kt 3
7	P×Kt	7	Kt—B 3	17	Castles Q R	17	B—Q 2
8	P—Q 3	8	P×P	18	P—K B 4	18	R×B
9	Q×Q P	9	B—Q 3	19	Q×R	19	Kt×Kt P
10	P—K Kt 3	10	Castles		Resigns		

Three Games played in the Moscow tournament.

GAME No. 5,685.

French Defence.

WHITE Dr. BOGATYRTSCHIK		BLACK H. M. ZUBAREV		WHITE Dr. BOGATYRTSCHIK		BLACK H. M. ZUBAREV	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 3	13	R—K B 1	13	P—Q B 4
2	P—Q 4	2	P—Q 4	14	R×P	14	B—Q 2
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	Kt—K B 3	15	Kt—R 3	15	K—K 2
4	B—K Kt 5	4	B—Kt 5	16	K R—K B 1	16	B—K 1
5	P—K 5	5	P—K R 3	17	Kt—Kt 5	17	R×P
6	B—Q 2	6	B×Kt	18	R×P ch	18	B×R
7	P×B	7	Kt—K 5	19	R×B ch	19	K—K 1
8	Q—Kt 4	8	K—B 1	20	R×K Kt P	20	R×P ch
9	B—Q 3	9	Kt×B	21	K—K 3	21	P×P ch
10	K×Kt	10	Q—Kt 4 ch	22	K—B 4	22	R×Kt
11	Q×Q	11	P×Q	23	K×R	23	Kt—Q 2
12	P—B 4	12	P×P	24	B—Kt 6 ch		Resigns

GAME No. 5,686.

French Defence.

WHITE F. D. YATES		BLACK C. TORRE		WHITE F. D. YATES		BLACK C. TORRE	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 3	17	R—B 6	17	B—B 3
2	P—Q 4	2	P—Q 4	18	Q—B 3	18	R—Q 2
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	Kt—K B 3	19	Kt—B 3	19	Q—R 6
4	B—K Kt 5	4	B—Kt 5	20	Kt—Kt 5	20	Q×R P
5	P—K 5	5	P—K R 3	21	Kt×P ch	21	K—B 2
6	B—Q 2	6	B×Kt	22	Kt—Kt 5 ch	22	K—B 1
7	P×B	7	Kt—K 5	23	R—Kt 4	23	Kt—B 5 ch
8	Q—Kt 4	8	P—K Kt 3	24	B×Kt	24	P×B
9	B—Q 3	9	Kt×B	25	Q—B 3	25	B×Kt
10	K×Kt	10	P—Q B 4	26	R×B	26	K R—Q 1
11	P—K R 4	11	Kt—B 3	27	R—R 5	27	R×P ch
12	R—R 3	12	P×P	28	K—K 3	28	Q—Kt 8
13	P×P	13	B—Q 2	29	R—R 8 ch	29	K—B 2
14	Kt—K 2	14	Q—K 2	30	R×P ch	30	K—Kt 3
15	Q R—Kt 1	15	Kt—R 4	31	Q—R 5 ch		Resigns
16	R—B 3	16	Castles Q R				

GAME No. 5,687.

Caro Kann Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
R. RÉTI		Dr. S. TARTAKOVER		R. RÉTI		Dr. S. TARTAKOVER	
1 P—K 4		1 P—Q B 3		27 Q—Kt 4		27 Q—B 2	
2 P—Q 4		2 P—Q 4		28 P—Kt 3		28 Kt—B 6	
3 P×P		3 P×P		29 B—Q 3		29 Kt—K 5	
4 B—Q 3		4 Kt—K B 3		20 R—B 2		30 R×R	
5 Kt—K B 3		5 B—Kt 5		31 B×R		31 Q—R 2 ch	
6 P—B 3		6 P—K 3		32 K—Kt 2		32 Q—B 7 ch	
7 B—K B 4		7 B—Q 3		33 K—R 3		33 Q×R	
8 B×B		8 Q×B		34 Q×K P ch		34 K—B 1	
9 Q Kt—Q 2		9 Q Kt—Q 2		35 B×Kt		35 Q×B	
10 Castles		10 Castles K R		36 Q—Q 6 ch		36 K—K 1	
11 Q—B 2		11 K R—B 1		37 Q—K 6 ch		37 K—Q 1	
12 Q R—K 1		12 B×Kt		38 Q—Q 6 ch		38 K—B 1	
13 Kt×B		13 Q—B 5		39 Q—B 6 ch		39 K—Kt 1	
14 Q—Q 1		14 P—Q R 3		40 Q—Q 6 ch		40 K—R 2	
15 Kt—K 5		15 Kt×Kt		41 Q—B 5 ch		41 R—Kt 3	
16 P×Kt		16 Kt—Q 2		42 Q—B 7 ch		42 R—Kt 2	
17 P—K Kt 3		17 Q—R 3		43 Q—B 5 ch		43 K—Kt 1	
18 P—B 4		18 P—K Kt 3		44 Q—B 8 ch		44 K—B 2	
19 Q—B 3		19 P—Q Kt 4		45 Q—K 7 ch		45 K—Kt 3	
20 P—K R 4		20 Q R—Kt 1		46 Q—Q 6 ch		46 K—Kt 4	
21 R—B 2		21 Kt—B 4		47 P—R 4 ch		47 K—R 4	
22 B—Kt 1		22 Q—B 1		48 Q—B 5 ch		48 R—Kt 4	
23 P—R 5		23 P—Kt 5		49 Q—B 7 ch		49 K—Kt 5	
24 B P×P		24 R×P		50 K—R 2		50 Q—K 7 ch	
25 R—R 2		25 Kt—R 5		51 K—R 3		51 Q—B 6	
26 P×P		26 B P×P		52 P—B 5		52 Q—R 8 ch	

Resigns

GAME No. 5,688.

The second brilliancy prize game in the Trebitsch Memorial Tournament at Vienna, see page 180 and 251.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
A. BECKER.		H. MÜLLER.		A. BECKER.		H. MÜLLER.	
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3		21 P—Q Kt 4		21 Q—R 5	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 P—K 3		22 Q—Kt 2		22 Kt—K 3	
3 P—B 4		3 P—Q Kt 3		23 P—Kt 5		23 B—Kt 2	
4 P—K Kt 3		4 B—Kt 2		24 R—Q 3		24 P—Q R 4	
5 B—Kt 2		5 B—Kt 5 ch		25 P—Q R 3		25 Kt—B 4	
6 B—Q 2		6 B×B ch		26 R—B 3		26 Kt×P	
7 Q Kt×B		7 P—Q 3		27 B×Kt		27 B×B	
8 Castles		8 Q Kt—Q 2		28 Kt—Q 1		28 P—Q 4	
9 Q—B 2		9 Castles		29 Q—R 2		29 P×P	
10 K R—K 1		10 P—B 4		30 Kt—Kt 2		30 Q×Kt P	
11 P—K 4		11 Kt—K 1		31 R×B		31 Kt—Q 3	
12 Q R—Q 1		12 R—B 1		32 Kt×P!		32 Kt×Kt	
13 Kt—B 1		13 P×P		33 Q×Kt ch		33 Q×Q	
14 Kt×P		14 B—R 3		34 K R×Q		34 P—Q Kt 4	
15 Q—R 4		15 Kt—B 4		35 R—B 7		35 P—Kt 5	
16 Q—R 3		16 Q—Q 2		36 P×P		36 P×P	
17 P—Kt 3		17 P—K 4		37 R—Kt 3		37 K R—Kt 1	
18 Kt—B 3		18 P—B 3		38 K—Kt 2		38 R—R 7	
19 Kt—R 4		19 P—Kt 3		39 R—Q 3		39 P—Kt 6	
20 Kt—K 3		20 R—R 1		40 R(Q 3)—Q 7		40 Resigns	

PROBLEM WORLD

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

B.C.P.S. SEVENTH SOLVING TOURNEY.

The points awarded to our Indian competitors for their solutions to the February problems are as follows: Section "A"—N. N. Subramania Iyer, N. S. V. Iyer and N. V. Joshi (101 points). Section "B"—P. A. Joshi (21 points). Further solutions to the March problems were received from: Section "A"—N. V. Joshi (148 points), N. N. Subramania Iyer and N. S. V. Iyer (138). Section "B"—P. A. Joshi (28 points).

It has been brought to our notice that there is a serious error in our solutions to Problem No. 32. The proposed "cook" by 1 Be4 is defeated when Black plays 1... Bc4. Accordingly the full points for this problem should be 40 instead of 55; and the full points for the March problems are 173 instead of 188. In the solution to Problem No. 30 there is a quadruple after 1... Kt c7, and not a triple; and in Problem No. 33 after Black's 1... Bg4; 2 R e5 dbl ch, instead of 2 R d4 dbl ch.

The points in Section "A" of the tourney total 422, and the final scores of the competitors are:—

First prize, G. Stillingfleet Johnson (419 points); second prize, A. H. Haddy (399); third prize, C. Folley (391). Special prizes: N. N. Subramania Iyer (386); N. S. V. Iyer and N. V. Joshi (385). These are followed by J. A. Lewis (382), V. J. A. Russ (370), the Rev. E. W. Poynton (369) and A. C. Vaughan (367).

The points in Section "B" of the tourney total 90, and the final scores of the competitors are: first prize, G. Coley (83 points); second prize, P. A. Joshi (76). Special prizes: J. R. Whalley (74) and C. E. Rapley (62), followed by J. H. Murgatroyd (56) and G. E. Hopkins (36).

The prize winners are to be congratulated on their excellent performances, especially Mr. Stillingfleet Johnson, who was the only solver to note all the flaws in Problems No. 29, 32 and 33. It should also be recorded that Messrs. N. N. Subramania Iyer and N. S. V. Iyer both analysed the cancelled No. 22 and correctly placed the missing Bishop. These solvers also noted that No. 34 is a composition by Mr. R. W. Borders, having met it in a previous solving tourney; but no one made any attempt to guess the composers—a frequent occurrence last year. Most solvers gave far too much detail, but the Rev. E. W. Poynton and Mr. C. Folley sent model papers.

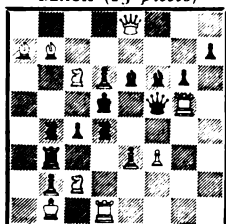
The Society had expected a large entry in Section "B," and the two-movers were selected mainly because of catchy key-moves or many

duals. The dual in No. 17 was missed by most solvers and few got No. 3 right. It is curious that Nos. 16, 18 and 25 caught many solvers in previous years, but none in this tourney.

The award will remain open until 30th June instant.

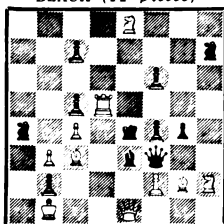
The decision of the judges, Messrs. Keeble and Laws, in the championship competition of the Society in respect of the best two-, three- and four-movers appearing in the press during the year 1924 is as under. These problems, like the champion problems for those of 1923, will be suitably framed as a permanent exhibit in the Society's room at St. Bride's Institute, Bride Lane, E.C.

By E. E. WESTBURY.
BLACK (13 pieces)



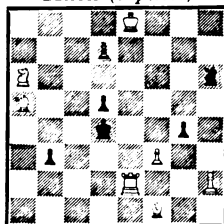
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

By F. F. L. ALEXANDER.
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

By P. F. BLAKE.
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in four.

Mr. Westbury's two-er secured first prize in *L' Italia Scacchistica* tourney, 1924; Mr. Alexander's three-er was published in *The London Observer*, November, 1924; Mr. Blake's four-er took first prize in *Westminster Gazette* tourney, 1924.

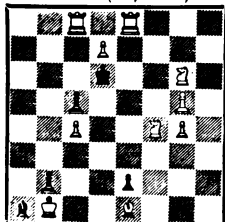
"WEEKLY WESTMINSTER" 1925 TOURNEY.

We give below the three-mover which the judge considered the most original of the problems contributed, whether of three or four-mover calibre. See page 198 of our last issue.

W. J. Wood has favoured us with a version of his unsound entry: "It really existed before that which he sent to the *Weekly Westminster*, but as its key is very menacing the author made it more involved and went too far with the result Black was vested with a subtle move which spoilt the scheme.

By G. HUME and
D. PIRNIE.

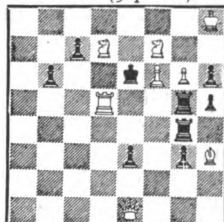
Prize for Originality.
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

By W. J. WOOD.

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in four.

We omitted to give the names of the authors of the two two-movers on page 256 last month; they are respectively K. A. K. Larsen and J. Hartong.

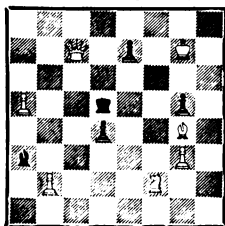
L' Italia Scacchistica announces its eighteenth annual tourney for two- and three-movers for 1926. Prizes for two-movers, 100, 50 and 25 lire and for three-movers, 150, 75 and 30 lire. Address: Dr. A. Luiselli, C. p. 1207, Genoa.

We learn from *Casopis Caskoslovenskyh Sachistu* that Dr. K. Musila, one of the members of an active group of Bohemian composers who in about the eighties did much to advance the modern principles of problem composition died early in this year. He was not well known in this country, especially in the case of the present generation, but was very popular in his own country. His work was generally presented in a light vein, always showing an appreciation of the artistic manipulation of the forces, rather than illustrative of profundity or strategical designs. We give three pretty examples.

By Dr. MUSILA.

Zlata Praha, 1888.

BLACK (5 pieces)

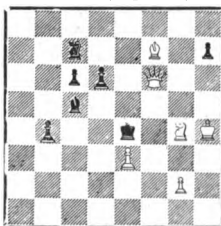


WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

Zlata Praha, 1889.

BLACK (7 pieces)

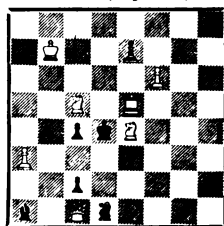


WHITE (6 pieces)

Mate in three.

Zlata Praha, 1889.

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

CONSTRUCTION NOTES.

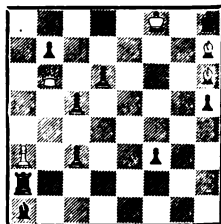
Mr. N. M. Gibbins has sent us the first problem below as a reconstruction of the first prize winner in the *Narodni Politika* by E. Kadera. See *B.C.M.* last March, page 153. He writes: "I consider the major dual after 1... R×Q spoils it. I venture to send the annexed which I am sure is a great improvement. There are now six variations with a White Pawn saved. Also everything is now at longer range."

This is a very interesting case showing how a composer may fail to make the most of a clever idea. In several respects the version is superior to Kadera's original.

By N. M. GIBBINS

(after E. Kadera).

BLACK (9 pieces)

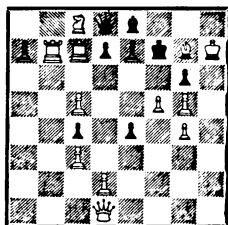


WHITE (5 pieces)

Mate in three.

"Brennpunktprobleme." We have received this problem volume by W. Freiherr v. Holzhausen issued from Schachverlag Hans Hedewig's Nachft. It is a study of the focal theme. We will revert to this interesting subject next month.

By KENNETH S. HOWARD
(Rochester, N.Y.).
BLACK (9 pieces)

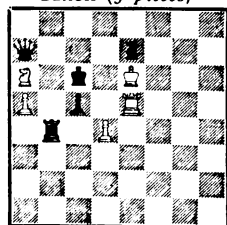


WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in three.

Mr. Kenneth S. Howard contributed to the *Westminster Gazette* last year a rather original three-mover with *P×P en passant* features. There was a serious dual, however, and the composer has re-modelled the position. In order that our solvers may appreciate the change made we give the early rendering in the Forsyth notation: 3 r b 1 Kt 1 / kt R 1 p p k P K / 6 p P / 1 p P 2 P 2 / 2 p r p 1 P 1 / 2 B 5 / 3 P 4 / 3 Q 4/ Mate in three.

The composer of the "Maximummer" which we gave in our April issue writes us that it can be solved by 1 K×Kt, R—Kt 1; 2 R—K 2 or 3, R—Kt 8; 3 R—Q Kt file, R—K R 8; 4 K—K 6, R—R 1; 5 P—Q 5 mate. The diagram in the margin corrects this flaw. It must be remembered that Black must make the longest move he has at command.

By GABRIEL G. NASRA.
"Maximummer."
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in five.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (March) 2,555 to 2,558—(April) 2,559 to 2,562 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (250) 0-10-10-10-5-5-10-0 (300); ††A. T. Cannell (590) 5-10-10-20 (635), 5-5-10-0 (655); **W. H. Cutland (0) 5-10-10-20 (45); J. W. Davis (295); *J. C. Derlien (345); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) (205+30 Feb.=235) 0-10-10-10 (265) 0-5-10-0 (280); J. Espinosof (Barcelona) (70); †Albert H. Haddy (50) 5-5-10-20 (90) 5-5-10-10 (120); *Rev. F. D. O'D. Hoare (30); Iyer, N. N. Subramania (85+35 Jany.+30 Feb.=150) 5-10-10-10 (185); ††G. Stillingfleet Johnson (305) 0-10-10-20 (345) 5-5-10-10 (375); *N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (150); *Frederick Lee (430) 5-10-20-20 (485) 5-5-10-10 (515); **J. A. Lewis (110) 5-10-10-10 (145) 5-5-10-10 (175); *Hubert Lees (130+30 Dec. and 35 Jan. 20 Feb.=215); T. N. R. Leistikow (285); D. Murray (515—not 415 as last brought forward) 5-5-10-20 (455) 5-5-10-10 (485); J. H. Murgatroyd 5-5-0-0 (10); *Johannes Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (505) 5-10-10-10

(540) 5-5-10-10 (570) ; †A. Peacock (270) 5-10-10-10 (305) 5-0-10-0 (320) ; E. W. Punnett (405) 5-0-0-0 (410) ; T. Rosenfield (510) ; G. V. Secthaphathy Rau (Madras) (85+5 Jan., 10 Feb.=100) ; Rev. J. Schipper (435) 5-10-10-5-5-10-10 (500) ; O. L. Telling (Monte Carlo) (110) ; *"Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (65) ; R. G. Tyzack (405) 5-0-10-10 (430) ; A. C. Vaughan (535) 0-10-10-20 (575) ; Rev. E. Wells (425) 5-0-10-10 (450) 5-5-10-0 (470) ; *W. A. Way (Malay States) (595-495 was a clerical error—+35 Jan. and 50 Feb.=680) ; H. A. Warwell (245) 5-10-10-10 (280) ; G. Wilton (20) 5-0-10-10 (45) 5-5-0-0 (55).

It is a little awkward at times, especially in the present month to determine the position of solvers resident abroad. It will be seen that Mr. W. A. Way with his February total should have been credited a victor earlier than this month. We shall have to adjust his score so that he can carry forward what he is entitled to. Mr. Cannell is to be congratulated in coming to the top four times, a success only achieved by one other solver, Mr. Stillingfleet Johnson.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,559, by B. J. de C. Andrade.—1 K Kt—R 3. An ingenious mutate, the feature being shown after the Q P and B move. The dual after 1... B×P or B—K 3 is a little unfortunate but not a serious blemish.

No. 2,560, by G. Cristofanini.—1 B—R 3. Elegantly set and very pleasing. The variety is nicely arranged and the duals of little consequence.

No. 2,561, by P. S. Milner-Barry.—1 B—Kt 6, B—R 8 ; 2 R—B 3. If 1... K×R ; 2 B×R ch. If 1... P—Q B 4 ; 2 R—Q 3 ch. If 1... P×R ; 2 B—K 1 dis ch. If 1... B—Q 4 ; 2 R×B ch. If 1... others, 2 B—K 3 dbl ch. Though not of the modern type, most of the continuations are interesting, particularly after 1... B—R 8, P—Q B 4 and B—Q 4.

No. 2,562, by D. Przepiorka.—1 Q—Q B 6, R—Kt 7 ; 2 Kt×P. If 1... Kt×B ; 2 Kt—B 4 ch. If 1... others ; 2 Kt—Kt 6. An illustration of the "Brede" theme in the three-move form. The reason why 1 Q—K 8 or Kt 8 will not answer is the reply 1... R—Kt 7. We have not been able to satisfy ourselves why Black's Queen's Pawns and Rook could not be substituted by a White Pawn at K 5. Further we should have preferred, if there is no valid reason to the contrary, to see Black's Q B at Q 2 when Q Kt P (quite unnecessary excepting for effect) could be removed.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 253).—1 Camel (Q 5)—Q R 6, K—B 1 ; Q—R 8 Mate. If 1... K—K 1 ; 2 Q—Kt 8 mate.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 253).—1 Kt—B 1, P—K 6 ; 2 Kt×P, Alfил—B 3 or B 7 ; 3 Kt—B 2 (× Alfил) mate. If 1... Alfил—B 3 or B 7 ; 2 Kt—Q 2, any ; 3 Kt—Kt 3 mate.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 253).—1 K—Kt 4, K—Q 5 ; 2 Empress—K 6 (checking as a Kt), K—Q 4 ; 3 B—B 4 mate. If 1... others ; 2 Empress—Q 7 ch, K—K 3 ; 3 B—B 5 mate.

By A. Olson (p. 255).—1 Kt—B 6, P×Kt P ; 2 Q—R 4. If 1... P—B 3 ; 2 B—K 4. If 1... P—B 4 ; 2 B—B 4. If 1... P×Q P ; 2 Kt—Q 5. If 1... P×Kt ; 2 B—B 5. If 1... P—Kt 3 ; 2 B×P. If 1... P—Kt 4 ; 2 Kt—Kt 4. If 1... P×R P ; 2 Kt—R 5.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 255).—1 Kt—Q B 6, P×R P ; 2 Kt—R 5. If 1... P—Kt 3, B×P. If 1... P—Kt 4 ; 2 Kt—Kt 4. If 1... P×B P ; 2 B—B 5. If 1... P×K P ; 2 Kt—K 5. If 1... P—B 3 ; 2 B—Q 4. If 1... P—B 4 ;

2 B—B 4. If 1., P×Kt P; 2 B×P. A White Pawn at KB 2 is obviously missing from the diagram.

These two Self-mates are remarkably alike and also remarkable in that a double "piccaninny," that is two Black Pawns with four replies each, produce a distinct reply from each defence.

By F. Kovdez (p. 255).—1 Q—Kt 3, P×Q; 2 B—Kt 4. If 1., P—B 6; 2 R—Kt 4. More amusing than edifying; quite easy to solve. The shutting off of the power of the Bishop by Rook in one case and the other way about in the other is rather novel.

By K. A. K. Larsen (p. 256).—1 K—Q 3. A capital key move with some rather pleasing pinning effects.

By J. Hartong (p. 256).—1 B—R 3. A well-arranged two-er, not particularly difficult or complex. The intersecting play is good.

By C. Kainer (p. 257).—1 B—B 8, K—B 3; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1., Q—K 6 or ×B; 2 B or Q×Q ch acc. If 1., Kt—Kt 4; 2 Q×P (B 2). If 1., Kt—Kt 1; 2 Q×P ch. If 1., others; 2 Q—B 3. The pin models are the chief charm here but there is not much variety.

By J. J. Reitveld (p. 257).—1 B—K B 6, K—B 4; 2 Kt—R 4 ch. If 1., KB moves; 2 Kt—Q 5 ch. If 1., P×P; 2 Q—R 4 ch. If 1., P—Q 7; 2 P×P ch. If 1., R×Kt; 2 P×R ch. If 1., R—Kt 3; 3 B—Q 4. If 1., others; 2 Q×P ch. Some of the pieces in the process of printing were shifted. We give the position in the Forsyth notation: 1 kt r 1 b 3 | p 2 B B p 2 | r 2 p 4 | b 7 | 1 k 6 | p 1 Kt p 4 | Q P 6 | 1 K 6 | mate in three. The solution of this problem is well worth playing over. It is a nice three-mover.

By J. Cvik (p. 257).—1 Q—Kt 1, P—Kt 8 (B); 2 Kt (B 3)×P at R 7. If 1., P—Kt 8 (Kt); Kt×P at R 5. If 1., P—Kt 8 (R or Q); 2 Kt—Kt 5. We can see little to admire here and cannot understand it being placed in front of the three problems which follow.

By Dr. O. Wurzburg (p. 257).—1 K—R 8, P—R 7; 2 B—R 7. If 1., P—K 5; 2 B—R 6. If 1., K moves; 2 B—R 7. A very fine key to an artistic setting which has several excellent points to call for admiration.

By M. Havel (p. 257).—1 Q—R 5, P—Q 6; 2 Q×B ch. If 1., P—R 6 2 R—B 4. If 1., P—Kt 7 2 Q—Q 1 ch. If 1., B×R 2 B×B ch. If 1., B else 2 R—B 4 dis ch. A very pretty three-mover with a fine key. The play after 1., P—Q 6 and P—R 6 is very nice.

By Dr. F. Rduch (p. 257).—1 B—B 7 Kt moves 2 Kt—B 5 ch. If 1., P—Q 4; 2 B—Kt 6 ch. If 1., K—K 5; 2 Q—R 4 ch. If 1., others; 2 Q—Q 1 ch. A give-and-take key move which leads to some peculiar situations and unexpectedly charming are the discovered mates by the Pawn.

By S. Boros (p. 257).—This is a two-mover.—1 R—Kt 4. Not much out of the ordinary though there are indications of skill in the construction.

By P. ten Cate (p. 257).—1 Q R—Kt 4. We found this quite difficult as a two-mover to solve. It is original in idea and clever in several respects.

By S. Lewmann (p. 257).—1 Q—Q 7. An easy key with good points in the after play.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 258).—1 B—R 6, Q—Q 6; 2 K—Kt 7. If 1., K×R; 2 Kt—B 6 ch. If 1., others; 2 Kt—K 3 dbl ch. The pin models are interesting and the arrangement is nicely managed to give artistic touches to the play which is somewhat limited.

By M. Havel (p. 258).—1 B—R 3, P×R; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. If 1., P×B; 2 Kt—Kt 1. If 1., Q—Kt 3 or 4; 2 Kt×P ch. If 1., R—Q B 1 or others; 2 Kt—Kt 2 ch. It was only in writing out the solution of this clever problem we noticed Black had a good defence in 1., Q—Kt 1. A Black Pawn at K Kt 3 would be a simple corrective.

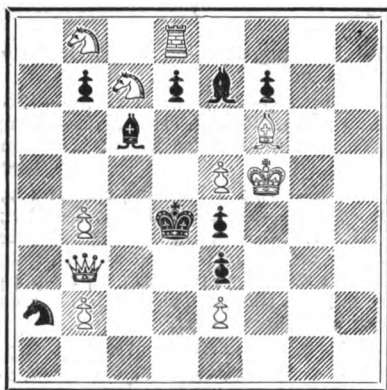
By N. K. Malakoff (p. 258).—1 Q—Kt 5, B—Q 7; 2 R—B 4. If 1., B—R 4 or Kt 5; 2 P—Q 4 ch. If 1., B×P; 2 P—B 6 dis ch. If 1., others; 2 P×Kt dis ch. A curious problem and uncommon in its contents. The play after 1., B—Q 7 is rather a surprise.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,567.

By F. G. TUCKER
(Bristol).

BLACK (9 pieces)



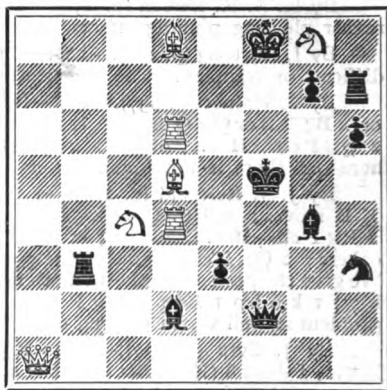
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

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By S. S. LEVMAN
(Moscow).

BLACK (10 pieces)



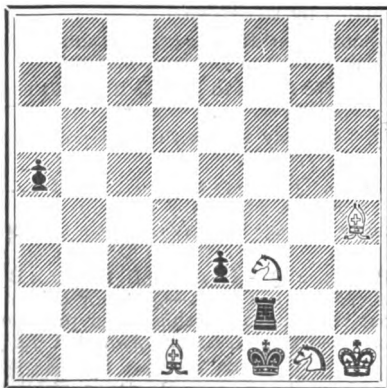
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

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By J. VASTA
(Ceskoslovenski).

BLACK (4 pieces)



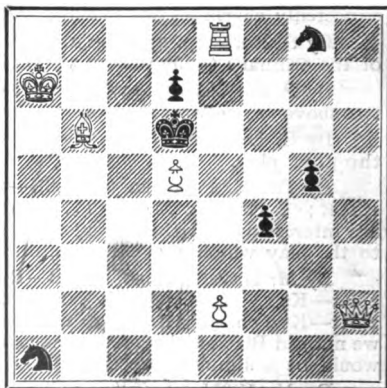
WHITE (5 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,570.

By HANDLEY RHODES
(London).

BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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We give an account of the Premier Tournament round by round, but owing to Alekhine's late arrival and the wish of some of the competitors to finish their games early, several of the games were played in advance.

FIRST ROUND. Section A. Saturday morning, May 22nd.

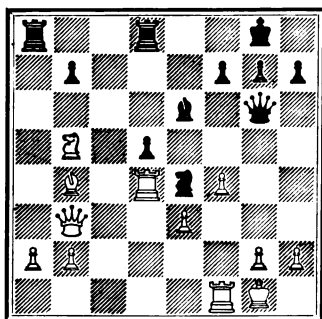
	Opening.	Result.
Reid v. Thomas	Queen's Pawn Game ..	Thomas won (19)
Landau v. Goldstein ..	Queen's Pawn Game ..	Drawn (36)
Dawbarn v. Alekhine ..	Sicilian Defence	Alekhine won (41)
Kahn, bye.		

Thomas, by a smart advance in the centre, gained an early positional advantage, as his opponent was unable to Castle, and White accelerated the end by a blunder.

Alekhine adopted Nimzovitch's form of the Sicilian, 1 P—K 4, P—Q B 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—Q B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, P—K 4; 4 B—B 4, P—Q 3, which prevents White from playing P—Q 4. Dawbarn had a bad development and after he Castled Q R Alekhine won the Exchange and a Pawn.

Goldstein in time difficulties lost his Q R P by a sheer blunder, but contrived to get up a compensating attack. In the following

BLACK (GOLDSTEIN)



WHITE (LANDAU)

33 R—B 3, R—Q 8 ch; 34 R—B 1, R (Q 8)—Q 7 ch.

Section B.

	Opening.	Result.
Buerger v. Znosko-Borovski ..	Queen's Gambit Declined ..	*Z.-Borovski won (57)
Saunders v. Morrison	Nimzovitch's Defence	*Saunders won (73)
Colle v. Seitz	Queen's Gambit Declined ..	Drawn (30)
Baratz, bye.		

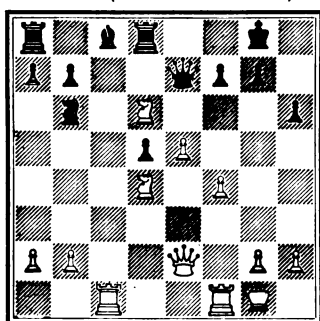
* Adjourned.

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Seitz adopted safety tactics against Colle, exchanging off pieces with monotonous regularity until an indecisive result was inevitable. The other two games were unfinished at adjournment time.

Znosko-Borovski adopted a form of the Orthodox Defence and was in difficulties almost from the commencement, Buerger, by very good play, hemming him in more and more until the following position arose.

BLACK (ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI)



WHITE (BUERGER)

Here Black, with the ingenuity of despair, played 21... Kt-B 5; 22 Kt×Kt, Q-B 4; 23 Kt-Q 6, Q×Kt ch; 24 K-R 1, Q-Kt 3; 25 P-B 5, P-B 3, and White now went wrong, playing 26 Kt×B, Q R×Kt; 27 P-K 6 expecting to win with his supported passed K P, whereas by 26 Q-R 5! R-B 1 (best); 27 Q-B 3! he could win the Q P while maintaining the attack, and Black could not long survive. In the actual game Buerger, being short of time,

allowed his opponent's Q P to advance too far and at the adjournment White had no satisfactory defence to his Q Kt P, which fell, leaving Black a straightforward win.

Saunders and Morrison had an intricate game with most of the pieces still on the board, and Black left his King in the centre and got up a threatening attack on Saunders' King, without making the most of it, however. On the resumption the game reduced to a Queen and Pawns end-game in which Morrison won a Pawn and then unaccountably missed two distinct chances of winning offhand, and allowed his opponent to Queen his Pawn first.

SECOND ROUND. Section A. Saturday afternoon, May 22nd.

	Opening.	Result.
Goldstein v. Reid	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	*Goldstein won (44)
Alekhine v. Landau	<i>English Opening</i>	Alekhine won (36)
Kahn v. Dawbarn	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Kahn won (37)
Thomas, bye.		

* Adjourned.

Kahn obtained a withering King-side attack against Dawbarn, who without knowing it followed the game between Rubinstein and v. Gottschall in the Breslau tournament (given in the *B. C. M.*, Jan. 1926, page 33) for 20 moves, and the end was foreshadowed many moves ahead. White took skilful advantage of the fact that Black had no Rooks on his back rank to construct an artistic mating net.

Goldstein, with a great positional advantage, relaxed his grip, but at the adjournment had a strong passed Q B P, which proved good enough to win in a few moves.

Alekhine's game opened 1 P—Q B 4, P—Q B 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, P—Q 4; 4 P×P, Kt×P; 5 P—K 4, Kt—B 2 (probably 5..., Kt×Kt; 6 P×Kt, P—K Kt 3; 7 P—Q 4, B—Kt 2, leading into the Grünfeld Defence, is best); 6 B—B 4, Kt—B 3; 7 Castles, B—K 3 (an unhappy idea, retarding Black's development); 8 B×B, Kt×B and White now played the unexpected move 9 P—Q Kt 4!! P—K Kt 3 (if 9..., P×P; 10 Kt—Q 5 or if 9..., Kt×P simply 10 R—Kt 1); 10 P×P, Kt×P; 11 B—R 3, Kt—K 3; 12 R—Kt 1, Q—Q 2; 13 Kt—Q 5, B—Kt 2; 14 Q—R 4, R—Q 1; 15 K R—B 1, Castles; 16 Q—Kt 5, K Kt—Q 5; 17 Kt×Kt winning a Pawn, which won easily for White.

Section B.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Morrison v. Buerger	<i>Irregular</i>	*Morrison won (47)
Seitz v. Saunders	<i>Four Knights' Game</i> ..	**Seitz won (80)
Baratz v. Colle	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i> ..	*Colle won (40)

* Adjourned. ** Adjourned twice.

Buerger rather neglected his development and this gave Morrison a chance to make an inroad into Black's game. He never relaxed his grip on the position, and won soon after the adjournment.

Colle, with a very cramped game of Steinitzian appearance, constructed a satisfactory defensive position and lured Baratz on to a premature King-side attack. In a scramble with the clock Colle won a piece by a pin overlooked by Black.

Saunders played the middle game very well, and obtained a marked advantage in position, so that at the adjournment Seitz was reconciled to defeat. From here on Saunders slackened and lost the Exchange for a Pawn by a blunder, but even after that he had excellent chances with his two passed centre Pawns, had he not unfortunately made another slip, and after a second adjournment Seitz gave him no further chance.

THIRD ROUND. Section A. Monday, May 24th.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Reid v. Alekhine	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i> ..	Alekhine won (33)
Thomas v. Goldstein ..	<i>Irregular</i>	*Drawn (51)
Landau v. Kahn	<i>English Opening</i>	Drawn (24)

* Adjourned

Reid seemed to have a satisfactory opening against the Budapest Defence, but Black by judicious exchanges won White's weak centre Pawn and the resulting Bishop and Pawns end-game occasioned him no anxiety.

As Kahn admitted, his first move (1., P—K 3) was inferior, and he had difficulty in developing his Q B, but finally obtained an equal end-game which was abandoned as a draw.

Goldstein obtained a little advantage in the opening, but Thomas gradually built up a formidable King-side attack. Pressed for time at the end of the fourth hour, he blocked the position on the King-side

and this gave Black the positional advantage of a supported passed Q.P in a Rook ending, but owing to the complete block this Pawn could not be advanced.

Section B.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Buerger v. Seitz	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i> ..	Buerger won (16)
Znosko-Borovski v. Morrison ..	<i>Nimzovitch's Defence</i> ..	Z.-Borovski won (34)
Saunders v. Baratz	<i>Sicilian Defence</i>	*Saunders won (50)

Colle, bye.

* Adjourned.

Seitz, seeing that his opponent had consumed forty-five minutes for his first eight moves, sacrificed a Pawn for a very strong attack but White, with five moves to make in one minute, successfully threaded his way through the resulting intricacies, and it was Seitz who lost on time, having still two moves to make. He was already the Exchange down.

Znosko-Borovski did not get a very good opening, and it seems that by energetic play Morrison might have taken advantage of the time wasted by White in regrouping his pieces, including an artificial Castling on the Queen side. In the end White obtained an overwhelming King-side attack, and won by a temporary sacrifice of a Knight.

Saunders had a wild game against the Paulsen variation, both players striving for the attack. At the adjournment Saunders, who had sacrificed a Knight for (ultimately) four Pawns, appeared to have good winning chances, and he won an end-game with Rook and three Pawns against Rook and Knight, but only because Baratz tried to win, for the latter demonstrated subsequently that he had a safe draw had he wished it.

FOURTH ROUND. Section A. Tuesday, May 25th.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Kahn v. Reid	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i> ..	Kahn won (44)
Alekhine v. Thomas	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i> ..	*Drawn (63)
Dawbarn v. Landau	<i>Alekhine's Defence</i> ..	Landau won (28)

Goldstein, bye.

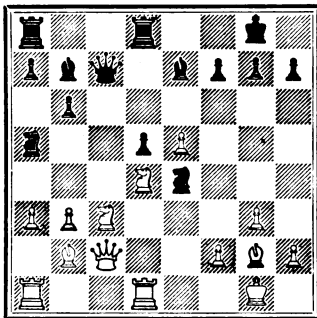
* Adjourned.

Reid played some weak moves in the opening, resulting in a weak Q B P. Kahn soon won this, and the ensuing Rook ending was easy.

Dawbarn, for no apparent reason, placed all his pieces on his first rank, including his K B, which went successively to K 2, Q 3 Q B 4, Q Kt 3, Q R 2 and then Q Kt 1! The consequent loss of time allowed Landau to get up a smashing attack against Dawbarn's King, which was still in the centre, the game ending in a sacrificial mate.

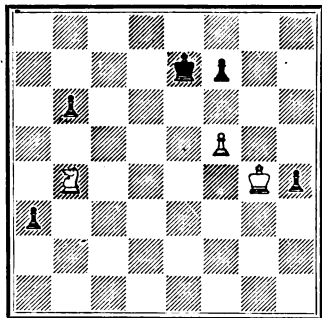
Alekhine's game was the cynosure for all eyes. He secured an advantage in the early middle-game owing to Thomas' Q P being isolated. In the position diagrammed White continued 18 Kt×P, Q×Q; 19 Kt×B ch, K—B 1; 20 Kt×Q and Thomas, correctly deciding to give up a piece for complications, played 20... Kt×Q Kt P! 21 R×R ch, R×R; 22 R—K 1, Kt (Kt 6)—B 4; 23 Kt—B 5, R—Q 7; 24 B—Q 4, Kt—Q 6; 25 B×Kt, Kt×R; 26 Kt×Kt, B×B; 27 B—B 3, R—Q 8; 28 Kt—Q 4, R—B 8; 29 Kt—K 2, R—Kt 8; 30 P—B 4, P—Q R 4; 31 K—B 2, R—Kt 6; 32 K—K 3, B—B 4; 33 K—Q 4, R×P. Having already avoided several cunning traps laid by Alekhine, he had now reached an end-game with Rook and Pawn against two Knights. On resumption of play he won another Pawn and then quite correctly sacrificed the Exchange to reduce the game to a simple ending, four Pawns against Knight and Pawn. The following position arose after White's 57th move, K—Kt 4, and here Black

BLACK (THOMAS)



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missed a win by 57... K—Q 3; 58 K×P, K—B 4; 59 Kt—R 2, P—Kt 4; 60 K—Kt 5, P—Kt 5; 61 K—B 6, P—Kt 6; 62 Kt—B 1, P—Kt 7, etc. Instead he played for an exchange of Pawns by 57... K—B 3? 58 K×P, K×P; 59 K—Kt 3, K—K 4; 60 K—B 3, K—Q 3; 61 K—K 3, K—B 4; 62 Kt—B 2, P—R 7; 63 K—Q 3. Drawn, for White has time to win the advanced Q R P with his King, which holds the Q Kt P while his Knight holds the K B P.

Despite minor flaws this game

was a credit to British chess, and moreover it was the only half-point dropped by Alekhine during the whole tournament.

Section B.

	Opening.	Result.
Baratz v. Buerger	Queen's Gambit Declined ..	*Baratz won (41)
Seitz v. Znosko-Borovski ..	Queen's Pawn Game ..	Drawn (37)
Colle v. Saunders	Queen's Gambit Declined ..	*Colle won (63)
Morrison, bye.		

* Adjourned.

After a quiet start Seitz gave up a Pawn expecting to recover it with advantage, but Black found a way to hold it. Just when he appeared to have the better game he unaccountably offered a draw,

whereas he demonstrated afterwards that he had very good winning chances at the end!

Buerger established two advanced united passed Pawns on the Queen-side, and could practically have compelled Baratz to sacrifice the Exchange for one of them; instead, running short of time, he allowed White to secure two very strong passed Pawns in the centre, which won in a few moves.

Colle played the older form of the Queen's Gambit Declined, shutting in his Q B by P—K 3, but he later on played P—K 4 with effect, and secured the better game by throwing forward all four of his Queen-side Pawns. Saunders countered on the King-side and compelled Colle to exercise great caution, but after the adjournment Colle's passed Pawn won for him. The game reflected equal credit on winner and loser.

FIFTH ROUND. Section A. Wednesday morning, May 26th.

<i>Opening.</i>			<i>Result.</i>
Reid v. Dawbarn	.. ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Accepted</i>	Reid won (30)
Thomas v. Kahn	.. ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Thomas won (32)
Goldstein v. Alekhine	.. ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Alekhine won (38)
Landau, bye.			

Reid gained his first success, securing the better opening and winning the Exchange in the middle game. He concluded the game in energetic style.

Thomas gained a small positional advantage on the Queen side and Kahn then made a blunder costing a Pawn. The ensuing end-game with only Queen and Pawns each was handled in very good style by Thomas, who won quite expeditiously when most amateurs would have taken many more moves to find the win.

Alekhine defended in original style, opening 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 Kt—K B 3, P—Q Kt 4; 3 B—B 4, B—Kt 2; 4 P—K 3, P—Q R 3; 5 P—K R 3, P—K 3; 6 Q Kt—Q 2, B—Q 3! 7 B×B, P×B; 8 P—B 4, Q—R 4; 9 P×P, P×P; 10 B—K 2, Castles; 11 Castles, Kt—R 3; 12 P—Q R 4, P×P. Later on he won White's weak Q Kt P and after forcing White to undouble his Q P the resulting passed Q B P walked straight home to Queen.

Section B.

<i>Opening.</i>			<i>Result.</i>
Buerger v. Colle	.. ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Buerger won (43)
Znosko-Borovski v. Baratz	.. ..	<i>Reti's Opening</i>	*Drawn (34)
Morrison v. Seitz	.. ..	<i>Sicilian Defence</i>	*Seitz won (72)
Saunders, bye.			

* Adjourned.

Buerger played the opening and middle game very finely and obtained a considerable advantage in position. He had, however, to make no less than nine moves in half a minute, and Colle himself said afterwards that he was quite confident his opponent would certainly lose on time. But White kept on finding the right move every time in a difficult position, and at the adjournment had a fairly easily won game. Later he unaccountably sacrificed the

Exchange instead of winning the Exchange, and this jeopardised even the draw, had Colle found the best defence. It was a pity that what would have been a very fine finish was marred by this blemish.

GAME No. 5,689.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE	BLACK	White's centre Pawns win easily.
V. BÜERGER	E. COLLE	
1 P-Q 4	1 Kt-K B 3	24 B×Kt
2 P-Q B 4	2 P-K 3	25 R×B
3 Kt-K B 3	3 P-Q Kt 3	26 Kt-Q 3!
4 P-K Kt 4	4 B-Kt 2	From here on to his 34th move
5 B-Kt 2	5 B-Kt 5 ch	White had only a fraction of a
6 Q Kt-Q 2	6 Castles	minute left.
7 Castles	7 R-K 1	26 Kt-Q 2
.....This and the following moves were suggested by Nimzovitch as being best for Black. In a later round of this tournament against Alekhine he withdrew his Bishop to K 2 without improving his game.		27 B-R 5!
8 P-Q R 3	8 B-K B 1	The winning move.
9 P-Q Kt 4	9 P-Q 3	27 P-Kt 3
10 B-Kt 2	10 P-B 4	28 Kt-B 3
11 P-K 3	11 Q Kt-Q 2	29 K-Kt 2
12 R-K 1	12 R-B 1	30 Q-Q 1
13 R-B 1	13 P-K 4	31 K×P
		32 B-K 2
		33 K-Kt 2
		34 B×P
		Simpler was 34 Kt×P, upon which Black has nothing better than to give up the exchange by R-B 1.
.....This turns out badly, but he has hardly any moves, for P-Q 4 is inferior. Possibly 13... R-B 2 to be followed by Q-R 1 and K R-B 1 was safest.		34 R-B 1
14 Kt P×P	14 P-K 5	35 B-Kt 1
15 Kt-Kt 5	15 P-K R 3	36 R×Kt 1?
16 Kt-R 3	16 Q P×P	Here Kt-Kt 6 would win the Exchange as in the previous note.
17 P-Q 5	17 P-Q Kt 4	36 R×R?
18 P-B 3!	18 K P×P	Fatal! After 36... B-B 4 ch!
19 B×P	19 Kt-K 4	37 K-Kt 2, Q×R;
20 B×Kt	20 R×B	38 Q-Kt 4 ch, Q-Kt 4! White would have to fight for a draw.
21 P-K 4	21 P×P	37 Q-Kt 4 ch
22 Kt×P	22 R-K 1	38 R×R
23 Kt-B 4	23 B-R 3	39 K-Kt 2
24 P-K 5		40 Q×R ch
		41 Q×B
		42 Q×B P
		43 Q-B 2
		37 K-R 1
		38 B-B 4 ch
		39 Q×R
		40 K-Kt 2
		41 Q×Kt
		42 Q-Kt 7 ch
		Resigns

Baratz left his King in the centre and undertook a strong attack against White's Castled King. Although compelled to give up the Exchange he still had a very good game, and at the adjournment had excellent prospects of victory. As explained later, when the adjourned game came to be played off Baratz had no chance of coming in the prize-list, and he consequently agreed a draw without playing on any further.

Morrison had the better position against the Paulsen variation of the Sicilian and won two Pawns by a little combination, leaving him an easily-won end-game two Pawns ahead with Rook and Bishop

against Rook and Knight. He then made a slip costing him a Pawn, and at the adjournment was one Pawn ahead with a probable win. The unfortunate conclusion of this game is described below.

SIXTH ROUND. Section A. Wednesday afternoon, May 26th.

		<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Landau v. Reid		<i>English Opening</i>	Landau won (18)
Dawbarn v. Thomas		<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Thomas won (42)
Kahn v. Goldstein		<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Kahn won (32)
Alekhine, bye.			

Reid made an unfortunate finger-slip costing him two "tempi" in the opening stages and could never recover from this losing a Rook quite early.

For the first and only time in this section the dreaded Ruy Lopez was played. Dawbarn selected the close variation with 5 P—Q 3 and 6 P—Q B 3 and had a fair game until he once more withdrew his pieces to the first rank. Thomas then won a Pawn and secured a strong chain of Pawns, Q 6, Q B 5, Q Kt 4, etc., which proved speedily decisive.

Goldstein played the opening rather slackly and Kahn never gave him a chance to escape, exerting pressure on a backward Q P while preparing a tremendous King-side attack involving the advance of all four King-side Pawns. He concluded by some effective play and this game, together with that against Reid, were the only two in which he did himself justice in the tournament.

Section B.

		<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Saunders v. Buerger		<i>Alekhine's Defence</i>	*Saunders won (52)
Colle v. Znosko-Borovski ..		<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Drawn (53)
Baratz v. Morrison		<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Drawn (60)
Seitz, bye.			

* Adjourned.

Saunders had rather a freer game, but could find nothing tangible and at the adjournment an equal Rook end-game resulted. White offered a draw, but Black, playing for a win, refused, and paid the usual penalty.

An early exchange of Queens left Colle and Znosko-Borovski with Bishops of opposite colour, and a Knight and seven Pawns each, and after some finessing in the end-game, in which Black gained a slight advantage, Colle drew.

Baratz got no more than equality out of the opening, and an end-game with three minor pieces and six Pawns apiece resulted. Baratz, trying to win a Pawn, got a Knight shut off and had to give up two Pawns to save it. The resulting end-game with Bishops of opposite colour should probably have been won by Black, but the play was not at all easy.

SEVENTH AND LAST ROUND. Section A. Thursday, May 27th.

<i>Opening.</i>			<i>Result.</i>
Thomas <i>v.</i> Landau	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	Thomas won (26)
Goldstein <i>v.</i> Dawbarn ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	..	*Goldstein won (51)
Alekhine <i>v.</i> Kahn	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	Alekhine won (36)
Reid, bye.			
* Adjourned.			

* Adjourned.

Thomas took speedy advantage of a lapse by his opponent in the opening to threaten to cut off his Q B, and he thus provoked a decisive loosening of his adversary's position. Winning a Pawn, he wound up in most forcible fashion.

GAME No. 5,690.

Queen's Pawn Game (Grünfeld Defence).

WHITE		BLACK	
Sir G. A. THOMAS		S. LANDAU	
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K Kt 3	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 P—Q 4	
4 B—B 4		4 B—Kt 2	
5 P—K 3		5 P—B 3	
6 Kt—B 3		6 Castles	
7 R—B 1		7 B—B 4	
.....This proves bad. Possibly Black should try for a Stonewall position by P—K 3 and Kt—K 5.			
8 B—K 2		8 P—K 3	
9 Kt—K 5!		9 Kt—K 1	
.....Forced, to save the threatened piece.			
10 P—K Kt 4		10 P—B 3	
11 Kt×B P		11 P×Kt	
12 P×B		12 P—K 4	
.....This weakens his King-side too much. The best chance of prolonging the game was 12... Kt P×P (not 12... K P×P; 13 P×P, P×P; 14 Kt×P).			
		13 B—Kt 3	13 Kt P×P
		14 B P×P	14 B P×P
		15 P×P	15 P×P
		16 B—Q B 4!	
		Winning offhand.	
		17 Kt×P	16 Kt—B 2
		18 Kt×Kt	17 K—R 1
		19 B—Q 5	18 Q×Kt
		20 Q—Q 2	19 Q—R 4 ch
		21 K×Q	20 Q×Q ch
		22 B×R	21 Kt—R 3
		23 P—Q R 3	22 R×B
		24 P×P	23 P—B 5
		25 B×P	24 P×P
		26 R—B 6	25 B×P
			Resigns

Goldstein and Dawbarn played rather lightheartedly, and showed signs of that dread disease, End-of-Tournament-itis. Ultimately, after much finessing, White was able to get up a winning attack.

Alekhine allowed doubled Q B P's to keep two Bishops and open the K B file. Kahn spent forty-five minutes over a Queen sacrifice which would have given him good winning chances, but Alekhine declined to fall in with his wishes, and won the Exchange, and the end was not long delayed.

Section B.

	Opening.	Result.
Znosko-Borovski v. Saunders	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Saunders won (29)
Morrison v. Colle	<i>Alekhine's Defence</i>	*Colle won (36)
Seitz v. Baratz	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Drawn (56)
Buerger, bye.		

* Adjourned.

The section kept its reputation for adjourned games to the end, only one game being finished at one sitting. Saunders had a weak isolated Q B P at B 3, but Borovski allowed it to advance to B 5 and then rashly won the Pawn, overlooking that it cost him a piece.

Morrison lost a Pawn in an end-game with opposite coloured Bishops, and then played up and not only recovered his Pawn but had a slight advantage in position.

Baratz played the Budapest Defence in original fashion against Seitz: 1 P—Q 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q B 4, P—K 4;

3 P×P, Kt—Kt 5; 4 P—K 6, B—Kt 5 ch; 5 Kt—Q 2, Kt—K R 3. An end-game resulted in which he had the better chances, and playing in very good style he quite outplayed Seitz and at the adjournment had a winning position.

In the afternoon the adjourned games were played off. Morrison continued his game with Seitz, and after losing his extra Pawn reduced it to Bishop and two Pawns against Knight and two Pawns, a dead drawn position, but Seitz refused a draw, and as Morrison had to leave for London he was compelled to resign this game and also his unfinished game against Colle, in which he had none the worse of it. Colle thus received an unexpected half point, and by drawing his adjourned game with Borovski made a score of 4, equalled by Saunders. As Colle defeated Saunders in their individual encounter he was placed first and Saunders second, according to the rules of the tournament.

The remaining adjourned games consequently had no influence upon the placing of the first two players, and Baratz accordingly conceded a draw to Borovski when he had good winning chances. He continued his game with Seitz, and reduced it to a simple forced win in a Rook ending, but then suddenly agreed to a draw! It was felt by some of the competitors that Morrison might have deferred his London appointment in order to finish his games and make it fairer for the other competitors. In Section A Alekhine and Thomas were first and second respectively.

The two sections showed a marked disparity in playing strength, but this was partly the fault of the unforeseen withdrawals occasioned by the General Strike. It was unfortunate that the two strongest players, Alekhine and Thomas, were placed in the same preliminary section. They both played very fine chess and stood out head and shoulders above the opposition. Alekhine played very easily without indulging in any of his famous combinations—he merely won a Pawn or the Exchange, and then with a few crisp blows reduced the game to a simple end-game. Thomas evidently found his practice at Weston of service and his return to his old form was particularly gratifying to his admirers. His play was as sound as ever, and quite free from the occasional blunders of the previous tournament.

Kahn is an attacking player with wide theoretical knowledge, who handles combinations with considerable ingenuity; were he less nervous he would do better in tournaments. Goldstein played in-and-out chess, and although the time-limit was reduced to 17 moves an hour he was frequently in clock trouble. Landau will probably do better with more experience; he gained two very effective victories. Reid came in at the last moment as a substitute, and was greatly handicapped by his necessary duties as Conductor of the tournament; but in several of his games he showed that with more experience and practice he will greatly improve. Of Dawbarn it is sufficient to say that he very obligingly came forward to fill a late vacancy, and that he would have done better had he not delayed the development of his pieces so much.

SECTION A.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Pos'n
1 Dr. A. Alekhine	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 Sir G. A. Thomas	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	5	II
3 V. Kahn	0	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4 M. E. Goldstein	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	3	
5 S. Landau	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	3	
6 G. M. Reid	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	
7 C. Y. C. Dawbarn	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	

The players in Section B were all of approximately equal strength, and a very keen struggle, not untinged by the influence of blunders, ensued.

The British players fully held their own and none of the foreign masters had an easy task before them. The large number of adjourned games bears witness to the equality of playing strength of all the competitors, and until the last rounds had been played it was impossible to predict with certainty what might happen. After the last round Saunders had 3 with an adjourned game to finish against Baratz; Colle had 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ with Borovski, Buerger and Morrison to play; Borovski had 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ with Colle and Baratz to play and Baratz had 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ with Seitz and Borovski. The exciting finish is described above.

Saunders had a little good fortune, but a player must be on the alert to seize any chances which may come along, and he certainly missed a win against Seitz. When having the inferior position, he displayed a dour pertinacity which earned him several points. He was only able to terminate a single game within 4 hours play, all the others running into 50 or more moves. It is noteworthy that he won most games in his section.

Colle also had luck against Morrison, as had the game been played out he could hardly have expected more than a draw. He had two good games against Saunders and Baratz, but scarcely played up to his recent form.

Seitz owed his comparatively high position to good fortune also, but he was out of the running for the first prizes almost from the commencement. He did not play well, having the inferior game against all the British players.

Znosko-Borovski played hard chess without risking very much, excepting that he conducted a King-side attack in first-class style against Morrison.

Baratz is a very imaginative player who would have done better had he made a better start. He has a very quick sight of the board, and won several lightning tournaments. It was observed that all the foreign players without exception were in full touch with the latest developments of current theory.

Buerger had no luck, having the better game against Borovski and equality against Saunders and Baratz. He played the games in first-class style until he got an advantage, and then relaxed, but as this is his first open tournament he should do better another time, when he has learnt to control his clock better. It will be observed

21 Q—Q R 4
22 Kt—B 4
23 Q—Kt 5
24 Kt×Kt P
25 Q×B
26 B×Kt
27 Q×P

21 Q—K 2
22 B—B 4
23 K R—B 1
24 B×Kt
25 Kt×P
26 R×B

The resulting ending proves easy work for Alekhine.

28 Q—Kt 4
29 P—Q R 4
30 K R—Q 1
31 Q—Kt 5

27 R—B 4
28 Q—B 2
29 R—R 1
30 R—B 5
31 R—Q Kt 1

.....Blacks' last two moves suggest clock trouble, but the

game was lost in any case.

32 Q—Q 7
33 R×Q
34 P—R 5
35 P—R 6

32 Q×Q
33 K—Kt 2
34 R (Kt 1)—Kt5
35 R—Q R 5

.....This seems to give Black good drawing chances, but....

36 R (Q 7)—Q 1 ! 36 Resigns

.....For after 36... R×R (forced); 37 R×R, R—B 1; 38 P—R 7, R—Q R 1; 39 K—B 1 White has a "book" win by the advance of his King to the King or the Queen side according to circumstances.

Thomas as Black in his first game against Saunders adopted the Morphy Defence to the Ruy Lopez, and after some finessing he exchanged several pieces to secure a passed Pawn on the Queen-side. After the adjournment he won a Rook and Pawn end-game, in which he was a Pawn to the good, in 62 moves.

In the second game Thomas started up an attack as first player in a Queen-Pawn game, and picked up a Pawn. He then with his usual scientific accuracy reduced it to another Rook and Pawn end-game, and Saunders resigned on his 72nd move.

Thomas thus secured third prize, having gone through the whole tournament without defeat, and with the splendid record of 6 wins and 2 draws out of 8 games; Saunders secured fourth prize.

We have not space for the full tables of the Major and Minor Tournaments, but summarise the results below.

The Major Tournament was played in three sections. Section A was won by P. N. Wallis with $5\frac{1}{2}$ out of 7, F. Davy, a promising young Yorkshire player, coming second. The remaining scores were P. A. Ursell 4, C. A. Mann $3\frac{1}{2}$, Miss E. Abraham, Miss Heard and J. Keeble 3, Miss S. Malcolm 1.

Section B was won by P. C. Littlejohn with 5 out of 7. B. Barton-Eckett, Miss D. Gilchirst and F. Moore tied for second place with $4\frac{1}{2}$, but Barton-Eckett (who did not lose a game) went forward to the final pool, as he had the best score against the other two. The other scores were Mrs. A. Sollas 3, S. P. Lees $2\frac{1}{2}$, C. R. Mitchell and Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson 2.

Section C (7 players only) was won by Mrs. Holloway with 5 points (without losing a game), and J. Jackson was second with $4\frac{1}{2}$. The remaining scores were D. E. MacNab 4, J. G. Hayes 3, J. R. Deacon, Miss F. Hutchinson-Stirling and Mrs. M. Ritchie $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The play-off for the six prizes resulted as follows:—

	1	2	3	Tl.	Prize
1 P. N. Wallis ..	—	1	1	2	I
2 P. C. Littlejohn ..	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 Mrs. Holloway ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	III

	1	2	3	Tl.	Prize
1 F. Davy	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	IV
2 J. Jackson	0	—	1	1	V
3 B. Barton-Eckett	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	VI

The Minor Tournament was played in two sections. In Section A A. T. Watson won with 5 out of 7. H. Bardsley, who is the secretary of the British Correspondence Chess Association, and who is competing in an open tournament for the first time, tied with Prof. R. W. Genese with $4\frac{1}{2}$ each, but Genese went into the final, having won their individual game. The other scores were A. Lindsay-Densham and F. F. Finch 4, D. Byass 3, W. H. Eyles 2 and Mrs. M. L. Battrum 1.

R. A. Wale $5\frac{1}{2}$ (without loss) and Hon. A. J. Lowther 5, came first and second in Section B, and the remaining players scored A. W. W. Tulip $4\frac{1}{2}$, Miss F. Chater and W. L. Wakefield 4, E. Lake 3, V. Lewis and A. Schofield 1.

In the finals R. A. Wale beat A. T. Watson twice, and thus won first prize while his opponent received second prize. Prof. Genese and Hon. A. J. Lowther played three games, and as they each won one, drew one, and lost one, they divided third and fourth prizes.

GAME No. 5,692.

An interesting game played in the preliminary section of the Minor tournament.

WHITE		BLACK			
Hon. A. L. LOWTHER		W. L. WAKEFIELD		16 P—R 5	16 Q—B 2
1 P—h 4	1 P—Q 4	17 P×P	17 B P×P	18 R—R 4	18 P—K 4
2 P—Q 4	2 Kt—K B 3	19 Kt×B	19 Kt×Kt	20 Kt—Q 5	20 Q—B 2
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P—K Kt 3	21 B—Kt 2	21 Kt—Q 2	22 Q R—R 1	22 Kt—B 1
4 P—K R 3	4 B—Kt 2	23 B—B 1	23 P—Kt 4	24 P—Q Kt 3	24 Q R—Q 1
5 B—K 3	5 Castles	25 B—Kt 2	25 Kt—K 2	26 Kt—B 7	26 Kt—B 4
6 Q—Q 2	6 R—K 1	27 P×Kt	27 Q×Kt	28 B—Q 5 ch	28 K—R 1
7 Kt—B 3	7 P—Kt 3	29 P B 6	29 B×P	30 P×B	30 R—Q 2
8 B—Q 3	8 P—B 4	31 B—R 6	31 Kt—K 3	32 B—Kt 7 ch	Resigns
9 Castles Q R	9 P×P				
10 Kt×P	10 B—Q 2				
11 P—K Kt 4	11 B—B 3				
12 P—Kt 5	12 K Kt—Q 2				
13 B—K 2	13 Kt—B 4				
14 B—B 3	14 Q—Q 2				
15 P—K R 4	15 P—Q R 3				

The Lightning Tournament on May 25th, both preliminary and final heats being played in sections, resulted in a tie for first and second prize between A. Alekhine and E. Colle (who beat Alekhine in their individual encounter). V. Kahn and H. Saunders came third and fourth respectively.

On May 28th A. Alekhine played 29 games simultaneously, scoring 23 wins, 4 draws and 2 losses to H. Bardsley and P. N. Wallis. A Quick-play Tournament on May 28th, in which however some of the strongest players did not compete, was won by E. Znosko-Borovski with F. Davy second. The Kriegspiel Tournament was won by Alekhine, who is an adept at this lighter branch of the game, and Mrs. Stevenson gained a popular success in coming second.

The prizes were presented to the successful players by Sir Meredith Whitaker on Saturday, May 29th, and Mr. G. M. Reid received suitable acknowledgment from the players in recognition of the great part he had played in the success of the Congress.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 284)

The solutions of Competition Problems Nos. 3 and 4, page 80, again page 138, are as follows: No. 3. If White can exchange all of the free pieces, he wins, by exhaustion of moves, as his King is free, or if he can obtain possession of the King's file. 1 Kt—B 2, Kt×R; 2 Kt×R, Kt—K 5; 3 Q—B 4, Q—K 1 (if Q—B 4; 4 Q×Q, P×Q; 5 Kt—B 3, P—Kt 4; 6 Kt—R 4, P×P; 7 Kt×P); 4 K—B 3, Kt—B 6; 5 Q—K 3, Q×Q; 6 K×Q, Kt—R 5; 7 Kt—B 3, Kt—Kt 3; 8 K—Q 3, Kt—B 1; 9 Kt—Q 2, Kt—Kt 3; 10 Kt—K 4, Kt—B 1; 11 Kt—B 3, Kt—Kt 3; 12 Kt—Kt 5, Kt—B 1; 13 P—Q R 4, P—Kt 3 (P—R 3; 14 Kt—B 7, Kt—Kt 3; 15 Kt—K 8, Kt—B 1; 16 P—R 5); 14 Kt—B 7, P—R 4; 15 Kt—Kt 5. If at move 1 Black tries not to exchange Rooks, the following might occur: 1.., R—K 1; 2 R—Q 2, Q—R 5 (Kt—Kt 7; 3 Kt—R 3, Kt—R 5; 4 Kt—Kt 5); 3 Q—Q 3, Kt—Kt 7; 4 Q—Kt 3, Q×B P (if Q×Q; 5 P×Q, Kt—Q 8; 6 R×Kt, R—K 7 ch; 7 K—B 1, R×Kt; 8 R—K 1); 5 Q×Kt, R—K 7 ch; 6 R×R, Q×R ch; 7 K—Kt 3, Q—Q 6 ch; 8 K—B 2, Q—B 4 ch (Q×Q P; 9 Kt—K 3, Q—B 3; 10 Q—Kt 3 and 11 Kt—Q 5); 9 K—K 2, Q—K 5 ch (if Q×R P; 10 Q×Kt P); 10 Kt—K 3 or 1.., R—K 4; 2 R—B 1, Q—R 5; 3 Q—Kt 4, Q×Kt ch; 4 K—Kt 1, Q—R 5; 5 R×Kt, R—K 1; 6 R—Q 2 and wins by exhaustion of moves. If 4.., R—K 1; 5 R×Kt, Q×R P; 6 K—B 1, Q—Kt 6; 7 R—K 1, Q—Q 6 ch; 8 K—B 2, Q—Q 7 ch; 9 R—K 2 wins, or 4.., Q—K 7; 5 Q×Q, R×Q; 6 R×Kt followed by K—B 1 and R—K 1. If at move 2 in this variation Black plays Q—K 1 (instead of Q—R 5); 3 R×Kt, R—K 7 ch; 4 K—B 1, R×Kt; 5 R—K 1, Q—Q 2 (or R 5); 6 Q—Kt 4 or 2.., Kt—Kt 7; 3 Q—Kt 3, Kt—R 5; 4 R—K 1, R×R; 5 Kt×R, Q—K 1; 6 K—B 2, Kt—Kt 3; 7 Q—Q 3, Q—K 4; 8 Kt—B 3, Q—K 1; 9 Kt—Q 2, Q—K 4; 10 Q—K 3. Another alternative for Black is 1.., R—K 5; 2 R—Q 2, Kt—Kt 7; 3 Kt—K 3, Kt×P; 4 Kt×Kt, R×Kt; 5 R—K 2, P—Kt 4; 6 Q×P, Q—B 1; 7 Q—K 7.

No. 4. This is a difficult position to demonstrate although a draw by *best* play. Most solvers were too easily satisfied, and made no attempt on either side to try for a win. By 1 B—K 4 White threatens to win by 2 B—Q 3, shutting in the Black Knight, and to make certain of a draw by B×P. 1 B—Q 5 or 1 B—B 6 probably also draw, but they give no *chance* of a win. The best reply is 1.., Kt—Kt 4 (1.., Kt—B 5 draws, but has no winning possibilities). It threatens Kt—B 2 and Kt—R 3, forcing on White's Q Kt P when Kt—B 2 again attacks it. This compels Black to play B×P to keep the draw in hand, thus 1 B—K 4, Kt—Kt 4; 2 B×P, K×B; 3 K—K 3, Kt—B 2; 4 K—Q 4, Kt—R 3; 5 P—Kt 5, Kt—B 2; 6 K—B 5, Kt×P. Several solvers reached a position similar to White.. King on K 3; Bishop at Q 7; Pawns at Q Kt 5, K Kt 3 and K Kt 4. Black: King on K B 3; Knight at Q 5; Pawns at Q R 2 and K Kt 3. With Black to play. Here K—K 4 draws—moving

the Knight or attacking the Bishop lose. If 1 B—K 4, K—Kt 4; 2 B—Q 3, K×P; 3 B×P wins. If 1... P—Kt 4; 2 B—Q 3, K—Kt 2; 3 K—K 2, K—B 3; 4 K—Q 2, K—K 4; 5 K—B 3, K—Q 4; 6 K—Kt 3, K—Q 5; 7 K×Kt, K×B; 8 K—R 4, K—B 5; 9 K—R 5, K—Q 4; 10 K—R 6, K—B 5; 11 K×P, K×P; 12 K—Kt 6 and wins. If 3... P—R 3; 4 B×P, Kt—B 7; 5 P—Kt 5, Kt—Kt 5; 6 K—K 3, Kt—Q 4 ch; 7 K—Q 4 wins. I am again very much indebted to my correspondent who is giving the prizes, both for providing the solutions, and going through the solvers' solutions for me, and thus lightening my work considerably.

ANSWERS TO SOLVERS: "Clare"—(3) 2... R×P not Q—B 4. Your variations here are not by any means good. (4) Very much better, but 4... Kt×P ch is not best, Black should try for a win by Kt—B 3. "Casier"—Solution of 3 quite good, but you do not give 1... R—K 4, which is the most difficult for Black to combat. On 1 Kt—B 2, R—K 5; 2 R—Q 2 (bad), Q—B 4! White must play 2 R—B 1. In 4 you reject the best line for Black by giving inferior lines afterwards. "A—A"—In 3, if 1 R—B 3, Q—K 1! A good effort, but direction a little out! "Wifile"—Cannot congratulate you! I fear you did not spend much time on it. In 4 your conclusion is wrong. Black wins by K—Kt 4; 40 K—B 3, Kt—R 2! "Delta"—See remarks to "Wifile." "Cie"—See general remarks to "A—A." "Pussycat"—In 3, on 35 Kt—B 2, R—K 4; 36 R—Q 2, Q—B 4 wins for Black. In 4, if 1 B—K 4, K—Kt 4; 2 B—Q 3, then if 2... K×P; 3 P×P and White has an extra passed Pawn. "Sirius"—In 3, after 2... Kt—K 5; 3 Q—B 4 is necessary. If 3 Q—K 3, Kt×P. In 4, 5... Kt—Kt 6 is incorrect. 5... K—K 4; 6 P—Kt 5, Kt—B 4 ch draws. "Ostree"—Not very good, but can see you have put in some work on it. "Knowsley"—In 3, 3... Q—B 4 not Q—Kt 4, and later you miss a mate on the move! In 4, 4... Kt×P draws. "Nankivell"—Your summing up is incorrect. "Tyro"—In No. 3, if 29 Kt—B 2, R—K 5; 30 Q—Q 3 is poor. In No. 4, your 38 for Black should be K—B 3. "Lily"—In No. 3 why not 1... Kt×R? See answer to "Tyro" *re* 4. "A.M."—Not very successful, I am afraid. "Patlander"—You apparently start out with an idea that the position is a win for one side, or the other, as the case may be, and then put moves in to tally with the idea. "Pawn"—Sorry, but you started wrong. Black's first move in No. 3, and second in No. 4. "Santermed"—In No. 3 Black must play 2... Q×P ch and in 4, after 1 B—B 6, Kt—B 5; 2 B—Q 7, Kt—K 4 wins one of the Pawns.

Maximum marks, 30 each, and as will be seen solutions are marked severely. SENIORS: R. Casier, 47, 15, 18, 80; "Hotchpot," 29, 15, 7, 51; "Clare," 19, 7, 23, 49; "Sirius," 27, 10, 7, 44; "Pussycat," 21, 10, 9, 40; "Cradock," 13, 10, 15, 38; "Cic," 12, 7, 12, 31; "Ostree," 17, 8, 4, 29; "Knowsley," 18, 3, 6, 27; "A.M.," 15, 3, 5, 23; "Wifile," 17, 2, 3, 22; "Santermed," 8, 3, 5, 16. JUNIORS: "Delta," 14, 3, 5, 22; "Patlander," 11, 3, 5, 19; "Tyro," 8, 6, 4, 18; "Pawn," 9, 3, 3, 15; "Lily," 7, —, 4, 14; "Nankivell," —, 3, 4, 7.

The solutions of Senior Problems 25 and 26, page 244, are as follows: 25. A game played in a Hampstead match last season, in which I was Black. 4 P—K Kt 3 is considered the best reply to 3... P—Q Kt 3. Probably B×Kt is stronger. 5... B—Kt 5 ch is questionable. Perhaps better than 9 P×P would be P—K 3. Probably White did not play B—Q 3, because he hoped to get his Rooks on the Q file, but Black was able to work up an attack on the King's side, with 13 B—Kt 3, Kt—R 4; 14 P—R 3, Kt×B; 15 P×Kt, P—K R 4. And for that reason I consider Black has the

preferable game. If the proof is in the pudding, I won it! **26.** An end-game by B. Horwitz, and is a win for White. 1 Kt—Kt 8, K—K 1; 2 Kt—R 6, K—K 2; 3 K—Q 4, K—K 1; 4 K—B 4, K—K 2; 5 Kt—Kt 4, P×Kt (K—K 1; 6 Kt—Q 3, K—K 2; 7 Kt—B 4, K—K 1; 8 Kt—K 6); 6 K×P, K—K 1; 7 P—R 5, P×P ch; 8 K×P, K—K 2; 9 K—R 6, K—K 1; 10 K—Kt 7, K—K 2; 11 K—B 8! K—K 1; 12 P—Kt 6, P×P; 13 P—B 7, B×P; 14 K×B, P—Kt 4; 15 K×P, K—Q 1; 16 K—B 5, K—B 2; 17 K×P, K—Q 3; 18 K—B 4.

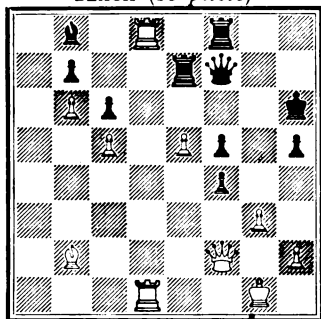
JUNIORS. 25. Played in a county match last season; I was Black. 2... Kt—Q B 3 is generally followed by 3 P—Q 4. Black's P—K Kt 3 has rather gone out of fashion, but now that White has already played Kt—Q B 3 and can no longer play P—Q B 4 it is stronger than usual. If 7... Kt—B 3; 8 Kt—Kt 3! is the best reply, but 8... R—B 1 is of doubtful value. 9 B—B 3 is weak, but 10... Kt—B 5 was played too soon. The game was drawn. **26.** A position sent me for adjudication. It is a win for Black. The line I found best was 1... R—K 5 followed by R—K 7, K—B 5, and according to White's play either taking the K Kt P or playing Kt—K 6, and Kt—B 8 if the B was either obstructed or moved to Q Kt 8. The reason is that White's King is so confined, and in many variations he is even mated.

This month I shall confine myself to the last two Competition Problems, solutions of which must be sent to me at 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3, by August 31st, 1926.

COMPETITION PROBLEM No. 7.

COMPETITION PROBLEM No. 8.

BLACK (10 pieces)



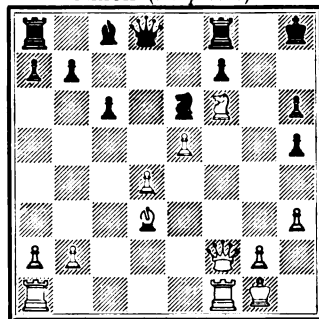
WHITE (10 pieces)

In the above position Black has just played ... Kt P×B P. In this position, from a game by correspondence, WHITE, to play, forwarded an analysis that caused

Black to resign!!!

SOLVERS as White are requested to do the same.

BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

White to play.

In an inter-club match, at the end of play, the umpire was requested to adjudicate the above position.

SOLVERS will please adjudicate the position and demonstrate their reasons for such judgment.

The sender of Junior Problem No. 21 wishes to correct a statement of mine last month. He was Black in the game, from which the position was taken, and won the game, against 1 R—K 3, but thought his opponent might have saved the game by 1 Q—K 3. This has been disproved by 1... P—Q 5.

I have several solutions still to mark: "Thule," "Eze," Seniors, 23/24; "Hotchpot," Seniors, 21/22, and "Nankivell," Juniors, 21/22.

REVIEWS.

Lehrbuch des Schachspiels. By Dr. Emanuel Lasker. With a portrait of the author and 312 diagrams. Berlin: Wertbuchhandel. Price, M. 6.50; bound, M. 9.

The ex-champion of the world claims that this is the first systematical *Lehrbuch* to be published on chess. He also holds it up as an exposition of the theory of old chess (as opposed, we presume, to the "hyper-modern" theory). Anyhow, he has succeeded in producing a very interesting work, in its early pages addressed to tiros at the game, but soon progressing to higher things, when the sections on combination, position-play, etc., are reached.

The first, elementary section comprises thirty-two pages. The second section deals with the openings, in sixty pages, which of course have no pretension to be exhaustive. Combination has fifty-two pages, position-play seventy-seven, the artistic quality in chess twenty, and examples and models forty, while there are a few pages of final reflections on the teaching of chess, which are provocative of thought, although they may not be accepted by everyone unreservedly.

We have no reserve, however, in commending the book to all who possess a working knowledge of German. Dr. Lasker is always worth listening to when he "goes into" the game, it is hardly necessary to say; and in this *Lehrbuch* he goes deeper than in any of his earlier writings.

There are unfortunately a large number of misprints, which will require correction in a second edition.

Am Sprudelnden Schachquell, 1876—1926. Edited by Dr. F. Palitzsch. Vol. 1. Berlin and Leipzig: Walter de Gruyter & Co. M. 9.

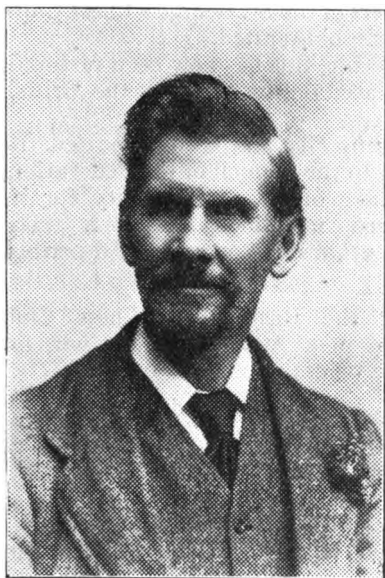
This quaintly-named work—"At chess's bubbling source"—is, as we noted in our last issue, the memorial book of the Dresden Chess Club, which has just celebrated its fiftieth year of existence. The Dresden chessplayers can claim to have carried on, since 1876, some admirable propaganda for the game in their country, and indeed in wider regions, and it is fitting that their labours should be commemorated.

The first volume contains the historical record of the doings of the club and its members; a selection of seventy-five games covering the years under notice; a few end-game studies; an article by Dr. M. Blümich on modern methods of handling the game; and a collection of 150 problems. There are also numerous photographs.

The second volume will comprise the games of the late tournament.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

The many friends of J. D. Chambers will be pleased to hear that a testimonial to him is being arranged by the members of various clubs with which for nearly fifty years he has been connected. Fortune has not been kind to Mr. Chambers in the twilight of his career, the failure of a well-known bank some years ago causing him heavy financial loss. The British Chess Federation at once took the matter up, on the motion of W. D. Wight (who represents South Wales) and a very encouraging send-off was given to the testimonial. Mr. Hartley, the Northern Counties' delegate, stated that most Manchester players knew Mr. Chambers intimately and would desire to associate themselves with the proceedings, while at Glasgow, where Mr. Chambers is the father of the club, a firm response would be made.



J. D. CHAMBERS. B.A.

Any player who wishes to subscribe, is invited to send to W. D. Wight, "Falconhyrst,"

Penarth, who is president of the South Wales Chess Association, and is kindly engineering the testimonial on behalf of the B.C.F.

Surrey County Tournaments.—The Individual tournaments of the Surrey County Chess Association this year attracted seventy-four entries, the two premier events having the maximum of twenty players. Play commenced on the 3rd May and considerable progress in the different events has been made, in spite of a certain amount of dislocation of arrangements caused by the general strike.

The leaders in the various competitions are :—

Challenge Cup (Championship).—Section A : W. Kirk, 4 out of 5 ; N. Schwartz, $4\frac{1}{2}$ (6) ; T. H. Robertson, $3\frac{1}{2}$ (5) ; E. Macdonald 3 (4). Section B : G. Wernick, $2\frac{1}{2}$ (3) ; F. F. L. Alexander, 5 (6) ; G. A. Felce, 3 (4) ; T. W. Letchworth, 3 (6).

Slater-Kennington Cup.—Section A : O. Henke, $5\frac{1}{2}$ (6) ; F. Vincent, 3 (4) ; E. Henderson, $2\frac{1}{2}$ (4). Section B : J. E. Redon, 4 (5) ; T. L. Moodie, 5 (7) ; P. Titley, 4 (6) ; H. Evans, 3 (5).

Felce Cup.—Section A : W. C. Pressey, 5 (5) ; D. O'Keefe, 4 (5). Section B : S. C. Jefferson, 3 (3) ; W. J. Williams, 2 (4).

Wernick Cup.—Section A : G. Booth, 5 (6) ; A. Bain, 4 (5).

Section B (East): T. Banks, 4 (5); H. Aldridge, 3 (4); (West), G. E. Holroyd $4\frac{1}{2}$ (6).

Lowenthal.—A very interesting event will take place at Hastings on July 21st. This date is the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Herr Lowenthal, who was buried in Hastings Cemetery in 1876. A stone was placed on his grave by the members of the St. George's Chess Club, but the inscription had become nearly obliterated.

Thanks to the energy of John Keeble, this has now been restored, and on July 21st, a wreath will be placed on the grave by the British Chess Federation.

Mr. Keeble, after considerable difficulty and search, located the tombstone and reported its condition to the Council of the Federation, suggesting that this body should take official responsibility for its renovation; which proposal received unanimous support. The ceremony, with an account of Lowenthal's career will be described in the August *B.C.M.*

The tournament arranged by the Birmingham Chess Club concluded on June 9th and resulted in a very convincing win for Alekhine, who scored twice as many points as anyone else.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	T'l.
1 Dr. A. Alekhine	—	1	1	1	1	1	5
2 H. E. Price	0	—	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$
3 E. A. Znosko-Borovsky ..	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$2\frac{1}{2}$
4 F. G. Butcher	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	2
5 A. J. Mackenzie	0	1	0	0	—	1	2
6 F. H. Terrill	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	1
Total lost	0	$2\frac{1}{2}$	$2\frac{1}{2}$	3	3	4	15

At the annual meeting of the London Chess League on May 31st, Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., was elected president. J. H. Blake, who has ably piloted the fortunes of the League for the last two years, was made vice-president. The Council decided to continue the annual festival at Christmas. The challenge boards were presented to the respective winners, while the Griffith cup went to J. B. Smith, boy champion of London.

The annual meeting of Kent County Chess Association was held at Rochester on July 19th at the Deanery, by kind invitation of the Dean (the Very Rev. John Storrs). The members first attended evensong at the cathedral, after which tea was provided in the Deanery garden. The usual business of an annual meeting was got through expeditiously and harmoniously. The balance sheet, despite heavy expenditure, was in a healthy condition. Lord Dunsany was unanimously elected president in place of Sir William Hart Dyke who, after thirty years of valued service had intimated his wish to retire. Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., was elected chairman of the Executive Committee, while all the other officials were re-elected. The Dean was heartily thanked for taking the chair, and he added to his kindnesses by showing the delegates the beauties of the cathedral, especially the crypt—the second largest in England.

The Edinburgh Congress.—Arrangements are approaching for the annual congress of the British Chess Federation, the last day for entries being July 2nd. The curtailment of the train services due to the continuation of the coal strike has not been helpful, but a good entry is anticipated.

The Scottish papers point out that the last time this congress was held in Edinburgh two new champions were provided, R. H. V. Scott for the men, and Mrs. Stevenson for the women. They wonder if there will be a similar result in the coming contest.

There will probably be an Indian entrant in the championship and we understand that E. Znosko-Borovsky will again be seen in the Major Open.

Those who enjoy the lighter portion of the programme will agree that the capital city of Scotland stands supreme for natural beauty, historic buildings and sentimental associations. Excursions will be arranged to those places sufficiently near for a visit, while if it is possible to get as far as the Trossachs, this will be done.

The local secretary, Miss S. Malcolm (26 Hermitage Gardens, Edinburgh), has all the arrangements at her finger tips: the tournaments will be held at the Albyn Rooms, 77 Queen Street, while concurrently with the congress will be an assemblage of delegates to another kind of enterprise which aims at international recognition, but which would be proud if it were as universally popular and fraternal as chess, namely Esperanto.

Late entries should be sent to L. P. Rees, St. Aubyns, Redhill, Surrey.

The second Girls' Open championship will take place at the Imperial Chess Club in January, 1927. A larger entry than last time is anticipated, and the handsome cup presented by Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell will certainly find a new home. Mrs. Arthur Rawson informs us that several well-known schools are hoping to send representatives.

The Middlesex Individual championship has been won by the young Hampstead expert, V. Buerger, who has repeated his success of 1923. In the final pool he made a clean score of 4 wins, defeating the previous holder, M. E. Goldstein, in their individual game. Mr Buerger is to be heartily congratulated on his feat, and earnt his success by outplaying the opposition. He has a very sound position judgment, and with greater experience of first-class play we shall expect to see him go far.

Two past Middlesex and Hampstead champions, M. E. Goldstein and H. Saunders, have recently commenced a short informal match. The two opponents are, however, evidently bent on emulating Capablanca and Lasker in their world's championship match, for they have drawn the first four games!

The Hampstead Chess Club is undertaking a short tour (ten days) on the continent at the end of July, organised by their enthusiastic match-captain, E. Busvine. It is proposed to visit several Belgian towns and end up in Paris, and probably twelve or more first-class players will make the journey.

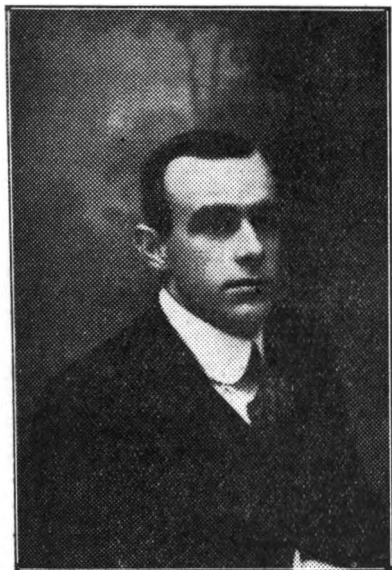
We hear that the match between V. Buerger and W. Winter has been abandoned after the first game was won by the former.

Durham County Chess Association.—Mr. Barton Eckett has kindly sent us the following news from Durham.

The Association has just completed its first season's activities and has had a most successful inaugural year. Nearly seventy individual members have been enrolled and twelve clubs have become affiliated with the County Association. His Lordship, the Earl of Durham, has graciously consented to act as the Association's first president, and in addition to a number of local vice-presidents, the Association is honoured by having as an honorary vice-president, the British lady champion, Mrs. R. H. S. Stevenson, who, as Miss Lawson of West Hartlepool, had such a long and famous connection with Durham chess. In the Northern Counties Chess Union, Durham was called upon to meet Cheshire at Leeds, and only succumbed after an exciting encounter, by the odd game in fifteen. A team of thirty has also been entered in the Counties and Districts Correspondence championship, and judging by the first results, a very good fight is being made—nine wins being to hand out of the first ten completed games. A league has been formed for all clubs affiliated to the Association and has caused considerable enthusiasm and keen competition. The composition of the league is as follows: Senior Division—Barnard Castle, Bishop Auckland, Durham City, Spennymoor. Junior Division (divided into three regional sections) North—Fencehouses, Herrington Burn, South Shields Unionists; Central—Durham City II, Kimblesworth, Sacriston, Trimdon; Southern—Bishop Auckland II, Hunwick, Spennymoor II. The Senior Division produced a very even competition and was eventually won by Bishop Auckland; the Junior Division was won by Trimdon after playing off with the other section winners—Herrington Burn and Hunwick.

The season was wound up in fitting style on Thursday, June 3rd, when A. Alekhine visited Durham and played simultaneously against twenty-four members of the Association. Despite the rather short notice, a strong and representative team turned out to meet the distinguished visitor, and after nearly four hours' play, the single player had scored twenty-two wins and two draws. A. W. P. Tulip and B. Barton-Eckett, both of the City Club, obtained the draws. There is every indication that next season will witness an even more successful year, and the future is looked forward to with confidence.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS



SPENCER CRAKANTHORP

Australian Championship.—This event started in Sydney on April 3rd, with the entries we gave last month, and in addition C. J. S. Purdy and B. J. Hill, both of New South Wales.

The first score to hand showed the young Victorian, S. Woinarski, and S. Crakanthorp, of N.S.W., tying with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points in 6 games. In the end the honours went to Crakanthorp, with a total of $8\frac{1}{2}$ points. Woinarski scored 8, and Purdy $7\frac{1}{2}$ —these being the two youngest players. The other scores were: Viner and Wallace, 6 each; Boyce, $5\frac{1}{2}$; Hill, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Sayers, 2; Ingledew and Jonas, $1\frac{1}{2}$ each.

We give a photograph of Mr. Crakanthorp.

Canada.—The championship tourney begins in Montreal on August 22nd. Sixteen to twenty competitors are expected.

The fourth annual tournament for the championship of Montreal and District, organized by the Montreal Chess League, finished on May 5th. The new champion is A. Cartier, who placed himself second in 1923 and third in 1924. There were twelve entries and it was a very closely contested affair, the champion of 1925, J. L. Blanchard, finishing second and D. Ledain, champion of 1924, third (*ex aequo*).

The full score-list is as follows: A. Cartier, 8; J. L. Blanchard, $7\frac{1}{2}$; D. Ledain, J. B. Harvey and S. B. Wilson, $6\frac{1}{2}$; L. Richard and C. E. Kenrick, 6; G. Gaudet, $5\frac{1}{2}$; G. Falconer, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Dr. W. Winfrey, 4; G. F. Griffin, $3\frac{1}{2}$; and A. Lamothe, $1\frac{1}{2}$.

In the championship of the Montreal C.C., on the other hand, Cartier only tied for fifth place with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$, the first three places being occupied by H. Lidsky, D. C. Robertson and J. Sawyer, *ex aequo* with a score of 8 each. The result of the play-off is not yet to hand.

W. J. Barker has won the championship of British Columbia.

South Africa.—The entries for the S.A. championship tournament, which began on May 17th, were: A. J. A. Cameron and H. Meihuizen (Cape); Dr. McCord, L. Edgecumbe and R. J. Gibbs (Natal); A. Chavkin (Orange Free State); Dr. M. Blieden, M. Broer, F. W. Dunbar and Dr. Lewis (Transvaal).

As we go to press, the result has come to hand, though we must hold over a full report until next month. Dr. Blieden won with a score of $7\frac{1}{2}$, losing only to Broer in the first round and drawing with Dunbar in the last. Broer and Meihuizen scored 6 each, and Cameron, Chavkin and Dunbar $5\frac{1}{2}$ each. There were five prizes.

The Transvaal has formed a Chess Federation, and Natal is to follow suit. When is there to be a South African Chess Federation, we wonder?

New Zealand.—On the occasion of his birthday last April our much esteemed correspondent, F. K. Kelling, the hon. reporter of the N.Z.C.A., received no less than thirty-five congratulatory communications, postal or telegraphic, from players and clubs all over the Dominion.

At the forty-first meeting of the Otago C.C. much praise was bestowed on the executive for the able manner in which it carried out the thirty-fifth N.Z. championship meeting.

Kenya Colony.—A. H. Spencer Palmer has won this season's championship, with a score of 10 (7 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss), two points above the runner-up, R. Middleditch, who was the previous champion. Both players are to visit England this summer.

United States.—It is proposed to hold a Pan-American tournament at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey (the scene of the U.S. national tournament of 1923), during the fortnight July 7th—21st. The five expected competitors are J. R. Capablanca, F. J. Marshall, Edward Lasker, either G. Maroczy or C. Torre, and either A. Kupchik or I. Kashdan, champion of the Rice-Progressive C.C. It will be a double-round affair.

The Western Chess Association will meet at Chicago, August 21st—September 2nd. Kupchik is the present holder of the Western title. There may be a concurrent master tourney.

In his first three simultaneous exhibitions, at Chicago and Cleveland (two), Capablanca played 78 games, winning 75 and drawing 3.

France.—M. Pierre Vincent, secretary of the *Fédération Française des Echecs*, asks (in *L'Echiquier*) a grave question: Whether it will be possible to carry that body on. It appears that the annual total of ordinary expenses is 12,000 francs, while with a subscription of two francs for members of affiliated clubs and five for isolated players the annual revenue does not reach 5,000 francs. He urges that at the next congress of the Federation, at Biarritz in September, the annual subscription shall be raised to six and ten francs respectively.

Belgium.—An international tournament, M. Edgard Colle informs us, will be held at Ghent, beginning October 23rd. Six players will compete, meeting each other twice. Acceptances so far are Sir George Thomas, D. Janowski, F. D. Yates, and our correspondent himself.

Previous to that, the sixth congress of the Belgian Chess Federation will be held in the Kursaal, Spa, on September 1st and following days. A Major tournament of twelve players will be the chief feature, open to representatives of Great Britain, France, Holland, Germany and Italy, with the following Belgian players : E. Colle, G. Koltanowski, M. Lenglez, E. Sapira, V. Soultanbieff and A. Tackels.

Antwerp and Brussels met on June 6th and 13th, the result being : Antwerp, $7\frac{1}{2} + 6 = 13\frac{1}{2}$; Brussels, $2\frac{1}{2} + 3 = 5\frac{1}{2}$.

The club championship of Belgium has resulted as follows : Antwerp, 2 wins and 2 draws ; Brussels (Cercle Philidor) and Liège, 3 draws and a loss each.

Germany.—Concurrently with the recent international masters tournament in Dresden, a Saxon masters tournament was also held, with nine entries. This was won by Blechschmidt, of Plauen, with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points, the better-known Saxon player, K. Gilg, being second with 5.

W. Freiherr von Holzhausen, who won a prize in the international event at Dresden, but is better known as a problemist, celebrated his fiftieth birthday on May 29th.

The mastership of Berlin has been won by W. Schlage with $12\frac{1}{2}$ points, just ahead of B. Koch (12).

Spain.—In the first official Spanish championship tournament at Barcelona, the preliminary (eliminary) section resulted in the success of the following five players : J. Vilardebó, 9 points out of a possible 12 ; A. G. Castellá and P. Soler, $8\frac{1}{2}$ each ; A. V. Ivanov, 8 ; and J. Devesa, $7\frac{1}{2}$. These five qualified for the final section, in which play was due to end on June 30th.

Portugal.—The national championship title for 1926 has been won by Dr. M. P. Machado, who in the final section of five players (double-round) scored 6 points. A. M. Pires was second with $5\frac{1}{2}$, and J. M. Costa third with 5.

Sweden.—G. Stoltz, of the Vasa C.C., has won the mastership of Stockholm, half a point ahead of G. Arfwedsson.

Russia.—In a double-round match of twenty-two players on May 22nd—23rd, Moscow received and defeated a visiting team from Leningrad by $23\frac{1}{2}$ — $20\frac{1}{2}$. A. Rabinovitch, Moscow's top board, beat P. Romanovsky $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$, but the result was reversed on board 2, where Lövenfisch beat Subareff.

Dutch Indies.—In a congress at Sourabaya, April 2nd—4th, the principal tournament was won by J. G. Baay, with 4 points out of a possible 5. The well-known Dutch amateur, D. Bleykmans, was second with 3 points.

The *Nederlandsch-Indischen Schaakbond* has now its own magazine, of which the fourth (April, 1926) number has reached us. W. N. Dinger, of Sourabaya, is the editor-in-chief.

The *Schaakbond* comprises thirty clubs.

The World's Championship.—After his victory at Dresden Nimzovitch sent a challenge to Capablanca.

Of interest to analysts are H. Kmoch's article in the May *Echiquier* on the theoretical importance of the Semmering tournament; and Ernst Grünfeld's "Observations (*Wahrnehmungen*) on the Openings" in the June *Wiener Schachzeitung*. The latter magazine has also a memorial article by Theodore Gerbec, of Vienna, on Pillsbury, who died twenty years ago and is now, the writer thinks, "a name" to the modern generation of chessplayers. Pillsbury's genius, however, he declares, united Lasker's tactics, Rubinstein's strategy, Schlechter's grace, and Morphy's skill in combination.

The Rev. Canon Vernon points out that in the article on "Chess in Alassio," in our June issue, no mention is made of A. Warrack, who has a villa at Alassio and is the principal chessplayer in the neighbourhood.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION.

Through the publishers of the *Magyar Sakvilág* the programme has been issued of the F.I.D.E., or the International Chess Federation, congress at Budapest between June 24th and July 17th. The days reserved for the meeting of the delegates are July 15th—17th. An International Masters' tournament of sixteen players, for eight prizes, will be played daily between June 26th and July 15th; a Major International tournament of twenty-four players (divided into eliminatory and final sections), for six prizes, between June 26th and July 10th; a tournament for international teams between July 11th and 17th; a ladies' tournament between the same dates; a problem-solving congress on July 11th; a lightning tournament on July 14th; and a tournament for the delegates between July 11th and 18th.

The prize fund includes 12½ million Crowns for the Masters and 5 million Crowns for the Major tournament.

The programme is issued in Hungarian, French and German, and is uniform in appearance with the *Magyar Sakvilág*.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time, and games can be arranged at once in the handicap tourney.

New Members.—G. Hamilton, 58 Union Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight; S. Cheadle, 76 Witton Street, Northwich; Miss C. Pannell, 14 S. Andrews Mansions, Dorset Street, London, W.1; Miss J. H. White and A. P. White, Walnut Tree Farm, Worthing, Diss, have also rejoined since our issue of the year book.

B.C.F. *versus* Irish Chess Association (correspondence match).—We have obtained 88 players for the English side, and these have been forwarded to L. Illingworth, "The Ways End," Foxton, Royston, Herts., who will pair them. All communications respecting this match should be addressed to him. T. B. Rowland, "Rosedale," Bray, Co. Wicklow, is in charge of the Irish side.

Trophies Tourney Results.—Class 1: Bodkin beat Dr. McDonald, F. W. Clarke and Chambers; Bussell beat F. W. Clarke and drew with Illingworth. Class 2a: Evill beat Ditcham and Bardsley; Jayne beat Bardsley and drew Parsons. Class 2b: Steele beat Armitage and Lesser, and lost to Toledano; Sir Shead drew Gale. Class 3a: Dutton beat Snook; Lyon-Campbell resigned, score cancelled. Class 3b: Rynders beat Kennedy, Day, Anderton, and drew with Wilcox; Lowe beat McClusky, Rocks beat McClusky; Hopkins beat McClusky. Class 4a: Aston beat Heath, Oldfield and Porch; Richardson beat Griffin; Murray beat Mrs. Macvane. Class 5: Tyzack beat Boutland; Miss Baker beat Halford, and lost to Mead; Derlien beat Lister and Mead, Miss Bond beat Mead.

Knock-out Tourney (Old).—It is time this tourney was brought to a conclusion. Will players who have not reached the semi-final, please send their games in at once for adjudication, and also players who have games in the semi-final, which have been going on for three months or more. We have secured the services of a strong adjudicator, and where an agreement cannot be reached, we shall be obliged to charge the cost of adjudication to the loser. The adjudication fee is 2/- per game.

Position of Knock-out Tourney.—No. 1 Tourney, Gold Medal Section: Bodking is in the final, and awaits an opponent from the following: Terry, McDonald, and Shead. These players should send their games for adjudication at once. Silver Medal Section: Richardson is in the final, and awaits the winner of Chambers *v.* Kitchener, who are in the semi-final. Bronze Medal Section:

Players in this section should send in for adjudication, or send the secretary progress of games, if play has not been in progress three months.

No. 2 Tourney, Gold Medal Section: J. W. Wood is playing W. H. Gunston in the final. Silver Medal Section: Coole beat Bardsley and is now in the final, awaiting result of White *v.* Windybank, who are playing in the semi-final. Bronze Medal Section: Wilson and Fairclough are playing in the semi-final. W. H. Jones has beaten E. S. Davies and will play the winner of the above pair in the final.

Handicap Tourney Results.—*Wins*: Anderton *v.* Kennedy (2); Boutland *v.* Porch; Bardsley *v.* Evill, Ward, Oldfield, Menkin; Day *v.* Godfrey (2), Heywood; Dutton *v.* Brayne, Lyon-Campbell; Fairclough *v.* Rapley, Gosling (2); Gurney *v.* Oldfield; Garrus *v.* Oldfield; Holland *v.* McDonnell, Stoneman; Harper *v.* Wilcox Lesser; Jackson *v.* McDonnell; King *v.* Houghton; Murray *v.* Griffin; Martin *v.* Behrndt (2); McClusky *v.* Behrndt; McDonnell *v.* Fairclough; Miss New *v.* Lambert (2); Rynders *v.* Jago, Tapsfield Ward; Rapley *v.* Martin, Gosling (2); Snook *v.* Simeon, Dutton Terry (2), Brayne (2), Wilcox; Wilson *v.* Rynders, Terry (2); Wilcox *v.* Snook; Weaver *v.* Milburn (2); Wilmshurst *v.* Somerville.

Draws: Bodkin *v.* Whicher; Fairclough *v.* Rapley; Organ *v.* Wilcox; Seymore *v.* Milburn.

GAME NO. 5,693.

Played in the Trophies Tourney, Class 2a. Notes by V. Kahn.

WHITE	BLACK	11 Castles	11 B—K 3
E. EVILL	H. BARDSLEY	12 Q R—K 1	12 Kt—Q 1
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	13 P—Q 4	13 P—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	14 B—K 3	14 R—Q B 1
3 B—B 4	3 B—B 4	15 P—R 5	15 P×Q P
4 P—Q Kt 4	4 B—Kt 3	B—R 2 was necessary; the text-move should lose.	
5 P—Q R 4	5 P—Q R 3	16 B×P	
6 P—Q B 3	6 P—Q 3	16 P×P! B—R 2; 17 P—Q 5!	
7 P—Q 3	7 K Kt—K 2	B×B; 18 P (Q 5)×B! and wins.	
.....7..., Kt—K 2 looks very dangerous, but it seems Black can defend the position, for instance, 8 Kt—Kt 5, P—Q 4; 9 P×P, Kt×P; (a) 10 Kt×B P, K×Kt; 11 Q—B 3 ch, K—K 3 and Black can easily defend the position. (b) 10 Q—R 5! P—Kt 3; 11 Q—B 3, B—K 3; 12 Kt×B, P×B; 13 B—R 6, Q—Q 2; 14 B—Kt 5, Q—B 2.		17 Kt×B	16 K B×B
8 Q—Kt 3	8 Castles	18 Q×B ch	17 B×B
9 B—K Kt 5	9 Q—K 1	19 P—B 4	18 Q—B 2
10 Q Kt—Q 2	10 Kt—Kt 3		19 P—Q B 4

.....Although this move weakened the Q P, the open B file would give good chances to Black for the end-game, but unhappily they don't profit of this occasion; how, we will see it at Black's 22nd move. Black could also play 19.., R—K 1.

20 Q×Q 20 Kt×Q
 21 Kt—B 5 21 P×P
 22 P×P 22 K R—Q 1

.....That is the mistake.

From that moment White has the much better game. Black should play R—B 7 with a very good attack against White's weak Queen-side.

23 Kt—K 3

Of course White cannot allow the Rook to come to B 7.

23 Kt—K 2
 24 R—B 1 24 R×R
 25 R×R 25 R—Q B 1
 26 R×R 26 Kt×R
 27 Kt—Q 5 27 Kt—Q 1
 28 Kt—B 4 28 K—B 2
 29 K—B 2 29 Kt—B 3
 30 K—K 3 30 K—K 3
 31 P—Kt 5

White exchanges the weak Kt P.

31 P×P
 32 Kt—B 7 ch 32 K—Q 2
 33 Kt×Kt P 33 Kt (B 3)—K 2
 34 Kt—B 3 34 Kt—R 2
 35 P—Kt 4 35 Kt (K 2)—B 1
 36 P—R 4 36 P—R 3

.....A very bad move, making a hole in Black's position (Kt 3). Now, as we will see later on, Black will be obliged to lose much time, to cover this hole, and in some variations, in case of the exchange of Knights on Q 5, the White King will always threaten to enter (Kt 6).

37 P—R 5

Fixes the hole.

37 Kt—K 2
 38 Kt—Q 5 38 Kt (R 2)—B 1
 39 K—Q 3 39 Kt×Kt
 40 P×Kt 40 K—K 2

.....The losing move. The best chance was 40... Kt—K 2 !; for instance, 41 K—K 4, P—B 4 ch ! 42 P×P, Kt—Kt 1 ! followed by Kt—B 3 !

41 K—K 4 41 K—B 2
 42 Kt—K 3 42 K—K 2
 43 Kt—B 5 ch 43 K—B 2
 44 Kt—Q 4 44 P—K Kt 3
 45 P×P 45 K×P
 46 Kt—K 6 46 P—B 4 ch

.....Black is forced to that move. White threatens Kt—Q 8, but Black's position is now lost

and Black's R P does not give them chances to draw.

47 P×P ch 47 K—B 3
 48 Kt—Q 8 48 P—Kt 4

.....Black has no effective move, for instance, 48... P—R 4 ; 49 Kt×P, P—R 5 ; 50 P—R 6, P—R 6 ; 51 K—B 3 and Black is not able to take the B P, as White would take the Q P with ch, and after the exchange of Knights, make a Queen. This check is the point of the construction of this position. Black has no possibility of drawing.

49 Kt—B 6 49 P—R 4
 50 P—R 6 50 Kt—Kt 3
 51 P—R 7 51 P—R 5
 52 K—B 3 52 P—R 6

.....Black can not take the B P.

53 K—Kt 3 53 P—Kt 5

.....After that move White wins easily. Much better would be 53... K×P. White should also win, but it would be very difficult to find out how. The winning variation is very fine and takes about twenty moves. For instance, 53... K×P ! 54 Kt—K 7 ch ! K—K 5 ! 55 Kt—B 8 ! Kt—R 1 ; 56 Kt×P ch, K×Q P ; 57 Kt×Kt P, K—B 3 ! 58 P—B 5 ! K—Kt 2 ; 59 P—B 6, Kt—Kt 3 ; 60 P—B 7, Kt—Q 2 ; 61 K×R P, K—R 1 ! (62 K—R 4 ? Kt—K 4) ; 62 K—Kt 3 ! K—Kt 2 ; 63 K—B 4 ! K—R 1 ; 64 K—Kt 5, K—Kt 2 ; 65 K—R 6, K—R 1 ; 66 K—Kt 7, K—Kt 2 ; 67 Kt—Q 4 ! K×P ; 68 Kt—B 6 ch, K—Kt 2 ; 69 Kt—K 5, Kt—B 4 ! 70 K—B 6, Kt—K 5 ch ; 71 K—K 7 and White wins.

54 Kt×P 54 K×P
 55 Kt—Q 3 55 K—K 5
 56 K×P 56 K×Q P
 57 Kt—Kt 4 ch

White could also play 57 P—B 5 ! K—B 3 ; 58 K—Kt 4, K—Q 2 ; 59 K—Kt 5, K—K 2 ; 60 K—Kt 6 with easy win.

57 K—K 3
If 57... K—K 5 ; 58 K—Kt 4, P—Q 4 ; 59 P—B 5.

58 K—Kt 4 58 K—Q 2
 59 Kt—Q 5 59 Kt—R 1
 60 P—B 5 Resigns

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME No. 5,694.

Played in the last all-Russian tournament. Notes by J.H.B.

King's Bishop's Gambit.

WHITE	BLACK
B. NENAROKOV	B. SOSIN
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 P—K B 4	2 P×P
3 B—B 4	3 P—Q 4
4 B×P	4 Q—R 5 ch
5 K—B 1	5 P—K Kt 4
6 P—Q 4	6 B—Kt 2
7 Kt—Q B 3	7 Kt—K 2
8 Kt—B 3	8 Q—R 4
9 P—K R 4	9 P—K R 3
10 Q—Q 3	

So far on the most orthodox lines. This move is the late W. N. Potter's suggestion, but it is probably not so good as 10 K—Kt 1, the best reply to which is 10... Q—Kt 3. The weakness of 10 Q—Q 3 is that Black gets a Rook to Q 1 fairly early, and the Queen is then very uncomfortably placed.

	10 Castles
11 Kt—K 2	11 Q Kt—B 3
12 B—Kt 3	12 B—Kt 5
13 P—B 3	

Three moves have now been necessarily occupied in securing his centre, whilst Black has completed his development—clear evidence of a wrong scheme on White's part; the 10th move is the root of the trouble.

	13 Q R—Q 1
14 Q Kt—Kt 1	

He can no longer play 14 K—Kt 1, because then ... Kt—K 4; 15 Kt×Kt, Q B×Kt; 16 Q—R 3, B×Kt; 17 P×B, P—Kt 5; 18 Q—R 2, P—Kt 6; 19 Q—R 3, B—Kt 5 and wins.

	14 Kt—Kt 3
15 Q—Kt 5	

15 Kt—R 2 would land him in still greater difficulties; e.g., 15 Kt—R 2, B—B 1; 16 B—Q 1,

P—Kt 5; 17 Kt—R 3, Q×P; 18 Kt×P, P—Kt 6 and wins.

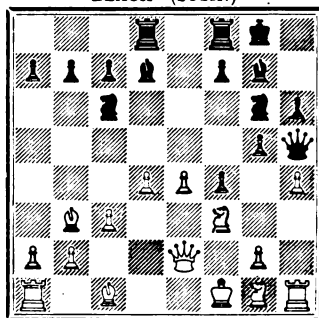
15 B—Q 2

16 Q—K 2

16 Q×Kt P or Q—Q 3 would bring about the same sacrifice on Black's part as actually occurs, with no improvement for White.

Position after 16 Q—K 2.

BLACK (SOSIN)



WHITE (NENAROKOV)

	16 P—Kt 5
17 Kt—Q 2	17 B×P
18 P×B	18 Q Kt×P
19 Q—Q 1	19 B—Kt 4 ch
20 B—B 4	

If 20 K—K 1, Kt×P!

	20 Kt—B 4!
21 P×Kt	21 B×B ch
22 Kt—K 2	22 P—B 6
23 P×P	23 P×P
24 K—B 2	24 P×Kt
25 Q—Kt 1	

If 25 Q—B 2, P Queens ch; 26 R×Q, Q×P ch, etc.

	25 Q×B P ch
26 Kt—B 3	26 R—Q 8
27 Q—Kt 2	27 R—B 8 ch
28 K—Kt 3	28 P—K R 4

.....Still more conclusive was 28... P Queens ch; 29 Kt×Q, Q—K 4 ch; 30 K—R 3, B—K 3 ch, etc.

29 B—R 6

29 K—R 2

.....To free the Knight for mating purposes, so that when the White King moves there may be

no discovered check.

30 Kt—Q 2

30 Q—K 4 ch

Resigns.

Games from the tournament at Semmering. Notes by J.H.B.

GAME NO. 5,695.

*Queen's Gambit Declined.*WHITE
E. GRÜNFELDBLACK
K. KMOCH

1 P—Q 4

1 P—Q 4

2 P—Q B 4

2 P—K 3

3 Kt—K B 3

3 Kt—K B 3

4 B—Kt 5

4 P—K R 3

5 B×Kt

Because if 5 B—R 4 Black can safely capture the gambit Pawn and defend it afterwards.

6 Kt—B 3

5 Q×B

6 P—B 3

7 P—K 3

7 Kt—Q 2

8 B—Q 3

8 B—Kt 5

9 Q—Kt 3

Black must not be allowed to double White's Pawns here; e.g., 9 Castles, B×Kt; 10 P×B, P×P; 11 B×P, Castles, and next move Black will easily release his game by ..., P—K 4.

9 B×Kt

10 Q×B

10 P×P

11 B×P

11 Castles

12 Castles

12 P—B 4

.....12..., P—Q Kt 3 would leave White less freedom.

13 K R—Q 1

13 P×P

14 R×P

14 P—Q Kt 3

15 Q R—Q 1

15 Kt—K 4

16 Kt×Kt

With two moves ahead in development White can have no objection to another exchange which gets rid of Black's only minor piece in play.

16 Q×Kt

17 P—B 4

17 Q—Q B 4

18 P—Q Kt 4

18 Q—B 2

19 Q—Q 3

If 19 Q—Kt 2 Black could not play 19..., B—Kt 2 because of 20 B×P! P×B; 21 R—Q 7; but 19..., P—K 4 would be a valid reply.

19 P—K 4

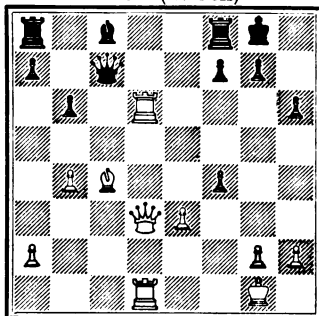
20 R—Q 6

20 P×P

.....The losing move! He should seize the opportunity to get the Bishop out by 20..., B—B 4, to which White's reply is 21 Q—Q 5.

Position after 20..., P×P.

BLACK (KMOCH)



WHITE (GRÜNFELD)

21 R×R P! 21 B—B 4

.....Not 21..., P×R; 22 Q—Kt 6 ch, K—R 1; 23 Q×R P ch, K—Kt 1; 24 Q—Kt 6 ch, K—R 1; 25 Q—B 6 ch, and 26 R—Q 5 wins; the text-move is therefore his sole resource, but it is too late.

22 Q×B

22 K R—Q 1

23 Q—R 7 ch

23 K—B 1

24 Q—R 8 ch

24 K—K 2

25 R—K 6 ch

Resigns

It is mate in five at most.

GAME No. 5,696.

Queen's Gambit Accepted.

WHITE	BLACK
Dr. A. ALEKHINE	E. GRÜNFIELD
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P×P
3 Kt—K B 3	3 B—Kt 5

.....Recommended in Collijn's *Larobok*, and used occasionally by Bogoljuboff and Tartakover. Compare Game No. 5,601 (January), Johner v. Tartakover.

4 Kt—K 5	4 B—R 4
5 Kt—Q B 3	5 P—K 3

.....A mistake. It was necessary to forestall White's next by either 5... Kt—K B 3 or 5... Kt—Q 2.

6 P—K Kt 4	6 B—Kt 3
7 P—K R 4	7 P—K B 3
8 Q—R 4 ch	8 P—B 3
9 Kt×B	9 P×Kt
10 Q×P (B 4)	10 K—B 2
11 P—K 4	11 Kt—Q 2
12 B—K 3	12 Q—R 4
13 P—Q R 3	

He does not want the Black Queen to come to Kt 5 after his own Queen has been driven away by ... Kt—Kt 3.

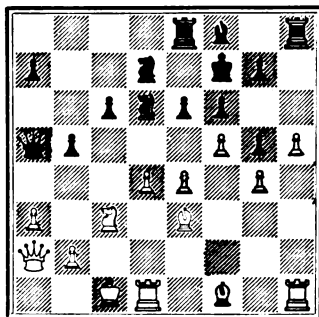
14 P—B 4	13 R—K 1
15 Castles	14 Kt—K 2
16 P—B 5	15 Kt—B 1
17 Q—R 2	16 Kt—Q 3

Better than 17 Q—Kt 3 because that would allow Black to play 17... P—B 4 with impunity.

17 P—K Kt 4
18 P—R 5
18 P—Kt 4

Position after 18... P—Kt 4.

BLACK (GRÜNFIELD)



WHITE (ALEKHINE)

19 P—K 5 !	19 P×P
20 B—Q 3	

Deadly, and leaving Black without a good reply.

	20 P—K 5
21 Kt×K P	21 Kt×Kt
22 B×Kt	22 Kt—B 3
23 P×P ch	23 R×P
24 B—Kt 6 ch	

The superiority of this to 24 B—B 5, Kt—Q 4 becomes apparent in a few moves; Black is kept "on the run."

	24 K—K 2
25 B×P	25 P—Kt 5
26 B—B 5	26 R—K 7
27 K R—K 1	Resigns

GAME No. 5,697.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
J. DAVIDSON	Dr. A. ALEKHINE
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—Q B 3
3 Kt—K B 3	3 Kt—K B 3
4 P—K 3	4 P—K 3

5 Kt—B 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2
6 Q—B 2	

Suggested by Dr. Tartakover as a means of forestalling the Meran Defence (6 B—Q 3, P×P; 7 B×P, P—Q Kt 4, etc.); but the

White position after the 18th move is not encouraging.

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| | 6 B—Q 3 |
| 7 B—Q 3 | 7 Castles |
| 8 Castles | 8 Q—K 2 |
| 9 P—K 4 | |

This does not serve to hinder Black's intentions, as carried out by the next two moves. A better line would be 9 P×P, K P×P; 10 B—Q 2 and 11 Q R—K 1.

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| | 9 P×B P |
| 10 B×P | 10 P—K 4! |
| 11 R—Q 1 | |

When it is considered that the position is now one typical of the open game, Philidor's Defence variety, it becomes evident that White's conduct of the attack has not been strong, and that Black's opening difficulties have been surmounted. The King's Rook on the Queen's file after the hostile Queen has been removed from that file is of little use in a game of that type, and ultimately obstructs the other Rook. 11 B—K 3, P×P (... Kt—Kt 5; 12 B—K Kt 5); 12 B×P would be much better.

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| | 11 P×P |
| 12 Kt×P | 12 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 13 B—B 1 | |

He cannot play to Kt 3 on account of 13... P—B 4!

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| | 13 R—Q 1 |
| 14 P—K R 3 | |

Black threatened 14... B×P ch; 15 K×B, R×Kt, winning a Pawn. His next move also threatens 15... R×Kt and 16 Q—K 4.

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| | 14 B—B 2 |
| 15 B—K 3 | 15 R—K 1 |
| 16 B—Q 3 | 16 Kt—R 4 |
| 17 Q Kt—K 2 | 17 P—K Kt 3 |

.....His next move furnishes the clue to this; he must forestall Kt—B 5 before temporarily blocking his Queen's Bishop.

- 18 R—K 1

18 P—B 4, in the hope of an attack, would be worse than

useless, the reply being 18... Kt—Q 4.

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| | 18 Kt—Q 2 |
| 19 Kt—K B 3 | 19 B—Kt 3 |
| 20 B—K Kt 5 | |

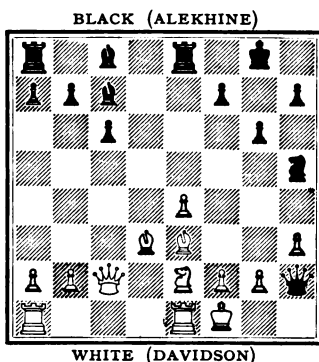
He has no satisfactory move here; exchanging, defending, or moving the Bishop are all alike weak. 20 B×B, P×B and 21... Kt—B 4!; or 20 Q—Q 2, Kt—B 4!

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| | 20 Q—B 4 |
| 21 Kt—B 3 | 21 Kt—K 4 |
| 22 Kt×Kt | 22 Q×Kt |
| 23 B—K 3 | 23 B—B 2 |
| 24 Kt—K 2 | |

Hoping to interpose the Knight at Kt 1 to a check at R 8—vainly!

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| | 24 Q—R 7 ch |
| 25 K—B 1 | |

Position after 25 K—B 1.



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| | 25 B×P! |
| 26 P×B | 26 Q×R P ch |
| 27 K—Kt 1 | 27 B—R 7 ch |
| 28 K—R 1 | 28 Kt—B 5! |
| 29 Kt×Kt | |

Forced; for if the Bishop take Black mates in three by ... B—Kt 6 ch.

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| | 29 B×Kt ch |
| 30 K—Kt 1 | 30 B—R 7 ch |
| 31 K—R 1 | 31 Q—B 6 ch! |

.....Not 31... R—K 4; 32 B—K B 1, Q—B 6 ch; 33 B—Kt 2. The whole fine combination has been based upon the

text-move. White's Queen is now won; but he keeps two pieces for it, and has scope for a stubborn fight. The interest then centres upon the masterly technique with which Black makes his superior force prevail.

32 K×B	32 R—K 4	40 R—Kt 3	40 K—Kt 2
33 Q—B 5	33 R×Q	41 B—Kt 1	41 R—B 5
34 B×R	34 Q—R 4 ch	42 B—Q 3	42 R—R 5
35 K—Kt 2	35 Q×B	43 K—B 3	43 Q—B 5 ch
36 R—K 3	36 R—K 1	44 K—Kt 2	44 Q—B 8
37 Q R—K 1	37 Q—K 4	45 K—B 3	45 P—K R 4
38 Q R—K 2	38 R—K 3	46 R—B 2	46 Q—Q 8 ch
39 P—Kt 3	39 R—B 3	47 K—K 3	47 R—R 8
		48 K—Q 4	48 P—R 5
		49 R—K 3	49 R—K 8
		50 R×R	50 Q×R
		51 R—K 2	51 Q—R 8 ch
		52 K—B 4	52 P—Kt 4 ch
		Resigns	

GAME No. 5,698.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE	BLACK
R. RÉTI	K. GILG
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 B—Kt 5
4 P—K 3	

It is usual nowadays to try and avoid playing this until after the Queen's Bishop has been developed on the King's side; Réti expresses a doubt whether any advantage is to be obtained by that course against Black's present defence.

	4 P—Q Kt 3
5 B—Q 2	5 B—Kt 2
6 Kt—B 3	6 P—B 4
7 P×P	7 B×P
8 B—Q 3	8 Castles
9 Castles	9 P—Q 4
10 Q—K 2	10 P×P
11 B×P	11 Kt—B 3

.....The game now closely resembles a Queen's Gambit of the Zukertort type, the position of White's Queen's Bishop being the only difference.

12 P—Q R 3	12 Q—K 2
13 P—Q Kt 4	13 B—Q 3
14 Kt—Q Kt 5	14 B—Kt 1

.....An alternative was 14... Kt—K 4; 15 Kt×B, B×Kt

(better than ..., Kt×Kt ch, which would enable White later to play P—K 4 blocking Black's Bishop), 16 P×B, Q×Kt, and White must submit to one of his Bishops being exchanged, as Black threatens 17... Q×B!

15 B—B 3	15 P—Q R 3
16 Q Kt—Q 4	16 Kt×Kt
17 B×Kt	17 P—K 4!
18 B—Kt 2	

18 B×Kt P would fall into a trap by 18... P—K 5; 19 Kt moves, Q—Q 3, winning a piece.

	18 P—Q Kt 4
19 B—Kt 3	19 P—K 5

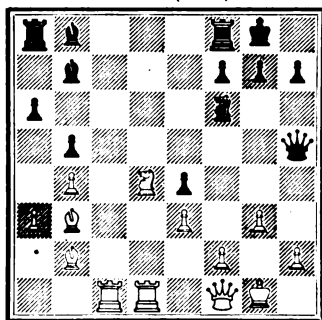
.....As the White Knight, once in possession of Q 4, can only be turned out by an exchange, this advance had better have been at least deferred.

20 Kt—Q 4	20 Q—Q 3
21 P—Kt 3	21 Q—Q 2
22 K R—Q 1	22 Q—R 6
23 Q—B 1	23 Q—R 4
24 Q—K 2	24 Q—R 6
25 Q—B 1	25 Q—R 4
26 Q R—B 1	

The initial move of a deep combination, the most interesting variations of which lie behind the alternatives to Black's 29th move.

Position after 26 Q R—B 1.

BLACK (GILG)



WHITE (RÉTI)

- 27 Q—Kt 2 26 Kt—Kt 5
 28 R—B 5 28 B—Q 3
 29 P—Kt 4! 29 Q×Kt P

.....Black's best play was 29... Q—Kt 3 to which Réti (in *Wiener Schachzeitung*) gives 30 R×Kt, B×R; 31 Kt—B 5, Q—B 3 (or A, B); 32 R—Q 6! Q×R (... B×B; 33 R×Q, B×R; 34 P—Kt 5, B—Kt 7; 35 P—Kt 6, P×P; 36 Kt—K 7 ch, K—R 1; 37 Q—R 3 mate); 33 Kt×Q, B×Kt; 34 P—Kt 5, K—R 1; 35 Q—R 3,

Q R—Q 1; 36 Q—R 6, P—B 3; 37 P×P and wins. A. 31... Q R—K 1; 32 B×B, R×B; 33 R—Q 6, Q—Kt 4; 34 P—K R 4, and wins. B. 31... B—K B 3; 32 R—Q 6, Q R—K 1; 33 Kt×P! with advantage to White. The last of these variations seems to be Black's most promising line, and if he continued 33... B×Kt; 34 R×Q, P×R White would experience much difficulty in making headway against the two Rooks.

- 30 Q×Q 30 Kt×Q
 31 R—Kt 5 31 Kt—K 4
 32 P—B 4!

This is the coup with which Black (probably) failed to reckon. If now 32... P×P e.p.; 33 Kt—B 5 wins.

32 Kt—Q 6

.....If 32... Kt—Kt 3; 33 Kt—B 5, and the Bishop can only return to Kt 1 (... B—B 2; 34 R—Q 7, Q R—B 1; 35 Kt—K 7 ch wins).

- 33 R×Kt 33 P—R 3
 34 R—Kt 3 Resigns

.....Because after 34... P×R; 35 Kt—B 5, P—Kt 4; 36 R—R 3 and mates in a few more moves.

GAME No. 5,699.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE

H. KMOCH

BLACK

R. SPIELMANN

- 1 P—Q 4 1 Kt—K B 3
 2 Kt—K B 3 2 P—B 4
 3 P—Q 5 3 P—K 3
 4 P—B 4 4 P—Q Kt 4

.....The Blumenfeld counter-gambit, of which little has been heard lately. The chief interest of the present game lies in its demonstration that the move is still playable.

5 B—Kt 5

The continuation which was supposed to kill the counter-gambit. Spielmann places his reliance upon the combination of Black's next two moves; pre-

viously 5... P—K R 3 was played without exchanging Pawns, and proved inadequate.

- 5 P×Q P
 6 P×Q P 5 P×Q P
 7 B×Kt 6 P—K R 3

This was good enough without exchange of Pawns, but now it gives Black freedom. 7 B—B 4 threatens 8 P—Q 6 rather effectively, practically compelling 7... P—Q 3 with Black's Queen shut in.

- 8 Q—B 2 7 Q×B
 9 P—K 4 8 P—Q 3
 10 P—Q R 4 9 P—R 3
 10 P—Kt 5

- 11 Q Kt—Q 2 11 B—Kt 5
 12 B—K 2 12 Kt—Q 2
 13 Castles 13 B—K 2
 14 K—R 1

In order to play 15 Kt—Kt 1 and 16 P—B 4.

- 14 B×Kt
 15 B×B 15 Kt—K 4
 16 B—K 2 16 P—K Kt 4
 17 P—K Kt 3

Giving Black an immediate attack. 17 P—B 4 would lead to the same end by transposition. White should have postponed his plan to 17 Kt—B 4, threatening Kt—K 3 and Kt—B 5. After the text-move, however, he must go on with the plan, as Black threatened ..., P—R 5!

- 17 P—K R 4
 18 P—B 4 18 P×P
 19 P×P 19 Kt—Kt 5
 20 R—B 3

(See diagram)

20 Kt×P!

- 21 R—K R 3

If 21 K×Kt, Q—R 5 ch, and clearly White loses either his

Bishop or his Queen's Rook, with disadvantage of position as well.

21 Kt—Kt 5

- 22 P—K 5

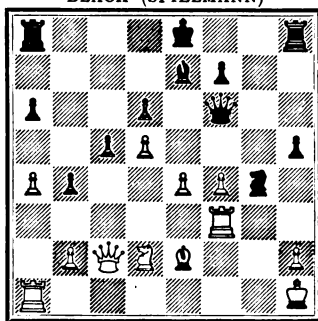
There is no good move left. If 22 R—K B 1, Kt—K 6; 23 R×Kt, Q—R 5 ch, and mate is forced. If 22 B×Kt, P×B; 23 R×R, Q×R ch; 24 K—Kt 1, B—B 3 and wins.

22 Q×B P

- 23 Kt—K 4? 23 Q×Kt ch
 Resigns

Position after 20 R—B 3.

BLACK (SPIELMANN)



WHITE (KMOCH)

GAME No. 5,700.

Réti's Opening.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|-------------|--------------|
| R. RÉTI | Dr. A. VAJDA |
| 1 P—Q B 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 Kt—Kt B 3 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 P—K Kt 3 | 3 P—Q 4 |
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 P—B 3 |

.....If he intended to use this form of defence it would have come better on the second move, retaining ability to develop his Queen's Bishop before moving the King's Pawn, on the model of the New York tournament game Réti v. Dr. Lasker (No. 5,266, *B.C.M.*, August, 1924).

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| 5 P—Kt 3 | 5 B—Q 3 |
| 6 B—Kt 2 | 6 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 7 Castles | 7 Castles |
| 8 P—Q 4 | 8 Kt—K 5 |

.....Bogoljuboff (v. Réti), New York, 1924, played ...

R—K 1 before this move, but could not afterwards continue ..., P—K 4 without disadvantage. Black here seeks to save the lost move of the Rook.

- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| 9 Q Kt—Q 2 | 9 P—K B 4 |
| 10 Kt×Kt | 10 B P×Kt |
| 11 Kt—K 1 | |

11 Kt—Q 2 would not be good, as after 12 P—B 3 Black could play ..., P—K 6! 11 Kt—K 5 would incur risk of losing a Pawn by 11..., B×Kt; 12 P×B, Q—B 2.

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|----------|-----------|
| | 11 Kt—B 3 |
| 12 P—B 3 | 12 B—Q 2 |
| 13 P×P | |

If 13 Q—B 2, B—K 1 and 14..., B—Kt 3.

13 Kt×P

- 14 R×R ch 14 Q×R
 15 B×Kt 15 P×B
 16 Q—B 2 16 Q—B 4
 17 P—K 3 17 R—K B 1
 18 Q—Kt 2 18 P—K 4
 19 Kt—B 2 19 P×P
 20 Kt×P 20 Q—Kt 3
 21 R—K B 1

At this point Black proposed a draw which White accepted. The tournament conductor considered this premature, and exercised his powers under the regulations of requiring the game to proceed.

21 R×R ch

22 K×R

A fatal error! 22 Q×R is indispensable; but then Black can play 22... B×P; 23 P×B, Q×P ch, forcing perpetual check.

(See diagram)

22 Q—R 4!

23 Q—K 2

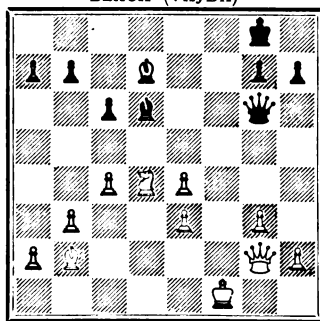
If 23 Q—K B 2, B—R 6 ch; 24 K—K 1, B—Kt 5 ch, etc. If 23 Q—Q 2, B×P! If 23 Q—Q B 2, P—B 4! If 23 K—Kt 1, B—K R 6! If 23 K—B 2 Black's

right procedure is less obvious, for 23... Q—Q 8 is met by 24 Q—B 1; but 23... B—K R 6; 24 Q—Kt 1, B—K 4; 25 Q—Q B 1, P—B 4 is strong.

- 23 B—K Kt 5
 24 Q—K 1 24 Q×P
 25 Q—B 2 25 Q—R 8 ch
 26 Q—Kt 1 26 B—R 6 ch
 27 K—B 2 27 B×P ch
 Resigns

Position after 22 K×R.

BLACK (VAJDA)



WHITE (RÉTI)

Games played in the Moscow tournament.

GAME No. 5,701.

* Réti's Opening.

- | WHITE | | BLACK | | WHITE | | BLACK | |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|---------|--|-------------------|--|
| R. RÉTI | | E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF | | R. RÉTI | | E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF | |
| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 P—Q 4 | 23 KR—B 1 | 23 Q—Q 2 | | | | |
| 2 P—B 4 | 2 P—Q B 3 | 24 P—B 4 | 24 P—K 4 | | | | |
| 3 P—Q Kt 3 | 3 B—Kt 5 | 25 P—B 5 | 25 B—B 1 | | | | |
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 P—K 3 | 26 R—B 2 | 26 Q—B 2 | | | | |
| 5 P—K 3 | 5 Kt—B 3 | 27 R—B 3 | 27 P—R 4 | | | | |
| 6 B—K 2 | 6 B—K 2 | 28 R—Kt 3 | 28 R—R 1 | | | | |
| 7 Castles | 7 Castles | 29 Q—B 3 | 29 P—R 5 | | | | |
| 8 P—K R 3 | 8 B—R 4 | 30 P—Kt 4 | 30 P—K 5 | | | | |
| 9 P—Q 3 | 9 P—B 4 | 31 P×K P | 31 Q—R—Q 1 | | | | |
| 10 P×P | 10 Kt×P | 32 P×P | 32 P×P | | | | |
| 11 Kt—B 3 | 11 Kt—Q B 3 | 33 P—R 6 | 33 K—R 1 | | | | |
| 12 R—B 1 | 12 R—B 1 | 34 P×P ch | 34 B×P | | | | |
| 13 Q—Q 2 | 13 Kt×Kt | 35 Q—K 2 | 35 Kt—Kt 5 | | | | |
| 14 B×Kt | 14 Q—Kt 3 | 36 B×Kt | 36 P×B | | | | |
| 15 Q—Kt 2 | 15 P—B 3 | 37 Kt—B 3 | 37 P—Kt 6 | | | | |
| 16 KR—Q 1 | 16 KR—Q 1 | 38 Kt—Q 4 | 38 P×P | | | | |
| 17 Kt—K 1 | 17 B×B | 39 R—R 1 | 39 B—R 3 | | | | |
| 18 Q×B | 18 Q—R 3 | 40 Kt—K 6 | 40 R×Kt | | | | |
| 19 R—B 2 | 19 R—Q 3 | 41 P×R | 41 Q×P | | | | |
| 20 Q—Kt 4 | 20 Q—R—Q 1 | 42 R×P | 42 Q×P | | | | |
| 21 P—K R 4 | 21 P—Q Kt 3 | 43 Q—B 3 | 43 B×P ch | | | | |
| 22 P—R 5 | 22 Q—Kt 2 | 44 Q×B | Resigns | | | | |

GAME NO. 5,702.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
—.	GÖTTILF	J. R.	CAPABLANCA	—.	GÖTTILF	J. R.	CAPABLANCA
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	14	K R—Q 1	14	P—Q 5
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K 3	15	Kt×B	15	P×Kt
3	Kt—K B 3	3	P—Q Kt 3	16	P—Q R 3	16	Q—Kt 3
4	P—K Kt 3	4	B—Kt 2	17	B—Q 2	17	P—Q R 4
5	B—Kt 2	5	P—B 4	18	Q—B 2	18	P—K 4
6	P×P	6	B×P	19	Q R—Kt 1	19	P—B 4
7	Kt—Q B 3	7	Kt—K 5	20	P—R 3	20	P—R 3
8	Kt×Kt	8	B×Kt	21	P—Kt 3	21	R—Kt 1
9	Castles	9	Kt—B 3	22	R—Kt 2	22	Q—Kt 2 !
10	Kt—Q 2	10	B×B	23	K—R 2	23	Q R—Q 1
11	K×B	11	P—Q 4	24	P—Q Kt 4 ?	24	P—Q 6 !
12	Q—R 4	12	R—Q B 1	Resigns			
13	Kt—Kt 3	13	Castles				

GAME NO. 5,703.

Four Knights' Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
F.	J. MARSHALL	E.	GRÜNFELD	F.	J. MARSHALL	E.	GRÜNFELD
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	15	Q—B 3	15	Q×R P
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	16	Castles	16	B×B
3	Kt—B 3	3	Kt—B 3	17	Q×B	17	Q—R 3 ch
4	B—Kt 5	4	Kt—Q 5	18	K—Kt 1	18	Q—K 3
5	B—B 4	5	B—B 4	19	Q×P	19	Q×P ch
6	P—Q 3	6	P—Q 3	20	K—B 1	20	Q—R 8 ch
7	Kt—Q R 4	7	B—Kt 3	21	K—Q 2	21	Q×P
8	Kt×B	8	Kt×Kt ch	22	R×P !	22	Q R—B 1
9	P×Kt	9	R P×Kt	23	R×P ch	23	K×R
10	R—K Kt 1	10	Castles	24	R—R 1 ch	24	K—Kt 3
11	B—Kt 5	11	B—K 3	25	R—Kt 1 ch	25	K—R 3
12	Q—Q 2	12	K—R 1	26	R—R 1 ch	26	K—Kt 3
13	B—R 4 ?	13	Kt×P !	27	R—Kt 1 ch	27	K—R 3
14	B P×Kt	14	Q×B	Drawn by perpetual check.			

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PROBLEM WORLD

By B. G. LAWS.

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ALAIN C. WHITE AND PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

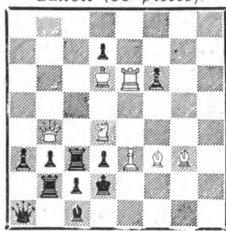
It has been feared for some time past that circumstances have conspired to render it almost imperative that Mr. Alain C. White should give up his laborious work and devotion connected with Chess Problem Classification. We are distressed in believing the reason of this is indifferent health, and his thousands of admirers scattered over the two hemispheres, it needs no speculation to say, will join in well-wishing supplication in his regard. One of the steps Mr. White is proposing to take is to pass over his Gargantuan Classified Collection of Chess Problems to Mr. George Hume of Nottingham, who by reason of his great assistance and collaboration, has become familiar with the methods adopted in the compilation of such a wonderful assemblage and probably no one is better qualified to carry out the trust which would be reposed in him. Mr. White has always intended that the result of his accumulated searches should be of use to all problemists in a cosmopolitan sense, and the transference of his huge collection to England may probably be a happy idea, as being housed in a more central spot from a problem-composer's point of view, it may prove of greater utility than if sanctuary were given to it in the United States.

We have rather stressed the above to pave the way to referring to a movement which has been mooted, the object of which is the creation of an International Problem Society. If such a society is eventually formed, the value of Mr. White's collection would be almost inestimable. The idea is in its cradle stage and is being pressed forward with vigour by Mr. C. S. Kipping, the problem editor of the *Chess Amateur*. He has, we understand, been in touch with continental problemists who show willingness, if not eagerness, to see such a universal scheme materialise, as it seems most desirable that composers of all countries should agree to some sort of standardization of the various schools and codes, and in addition the opportunities for exchanging personal views of members regarding the various questions which continually arise would be increased, with a general tendency towards a better appreciation of the Art and the likelihood of improvement all round. Mr. C. S. Kipping, Eversley, Wednesbury, Staffs., would be pleased to receive the names of all who would like to support this project. At present no subscription is asked, and in any case it is contemplated that members shall decide for themselves what contributions they care to make.

H. H. Davis of Bristol, one of the best solvers living, has drawn our attention to the oversight we made in giving the solution to M. Havel's three-mover at page 299. Though we remember the variation now, we seem to have been fogged when writing out the solution. There is a valid answer to the defence 1. ., Q—Kt 1 which is 2 Kt × P (B 3). We are sorry, but feel it right to the composer to explain the lapse.

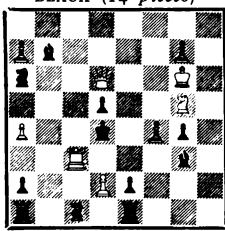
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First Prize.
By Dr. E. PALKOSKA.
BLACK (11 pieces)



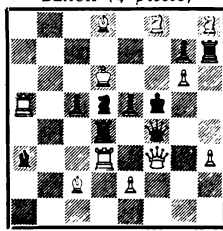
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
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BLACK (14 pieces)



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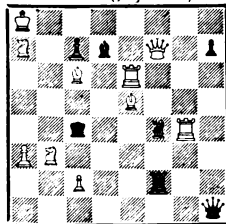
WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. mentions: K. A. L. Kubbel, N. K. Malachoff and Dr. E. Palkoska.

"WESTERN MORNING NEWS AND MERCURY."

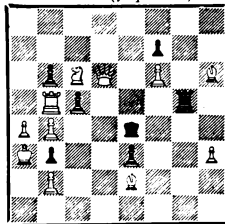
The award of the half-yearly—July to December, 1925—has been made by Mr. H. D'O. Bernard, whom we are glad to see resuming his interest in problems after a period of resting, and is as follows.

First Prize.
By J. HARTONG
(Rotterdam).
BLACK (7 pieces)



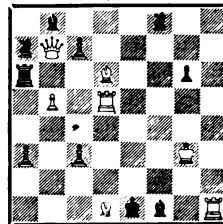
WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

First Prize.
By R. H. BRIDGWATER
(Birmingham).
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

Prize for Mutate.
By C. S. KIPPING
(Wednesbury).
BLACK (10 pieces)



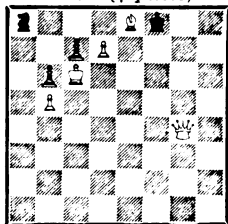
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. mentions: (two-movers) A. Ellerman, two positions; (three-movers) W. J. Wood and F. F. L. Alexander.

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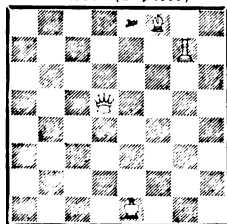
The following two positions may be interesting to compare. The first appeared in the June issue of the *Chess Amateur* and the other in Dr. E. Palkoska's *Schachprobleme*: Queen and Bishop, 1911. The source was not traced by the compiler and we do not know its origin.

By A. G. STUBBS.
BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in two.

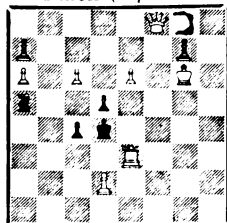
By W. A. SHINKMAN.
BLACK (1 piece)



WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in two.

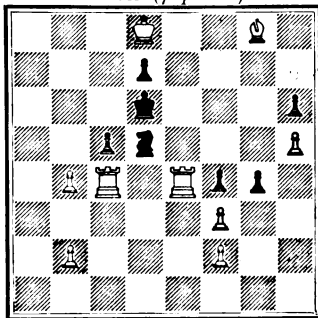
Here is another case which on examination will show that Dr. F. Rduch's second prize problem in *L'Alfiere di Re* has some relationship to the annexed three-mover published in 1889 in the *Columbia Chess Chronicle*. The two positions are of course different, and the modern one much the better, but the two-model mates in the C.C.C. problem appear in the other.

By B. G. LAWS.
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

By W. J. WOOD (London).
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in five.

We desire to call special attention to the annexed five-move problem by Mr. Wood, who has composed some most remarkable problems of about this length. There is a strategic point very ably illustrated, though it must be confessed the key will not please the taste of severe critics. It happens, however, the idea, as explained by the author, cannot be presented with a key-move of a conventional nature.

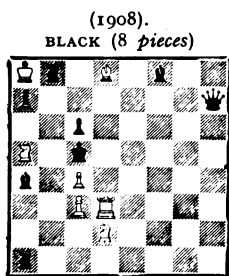
Westminster Weekly 1925 Tourney.—Mr. E. S. Tinsley, the chess editor of *The Times*, has pointed out to us that Mr. Heathcote's first prize four-mover (see *B.C.M.*, p. 199, last April) can be solved

by 1 K—R 3. The author has agreed this is a sound claim, and hopes to amend the position which we trust he will be able to do successfully, as apart from the flaw it is a very fine composition.

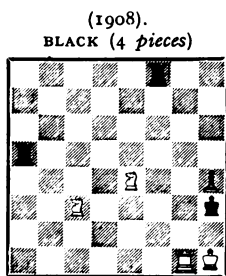
“BRENNPUNKTPROBLEME.”

As mentioned in our last month's issue, this is a work by W. F. v. Holzhausen, which deals with various phases of strategy centred on the basic focal scheme and is a comprehensive treatise on the subject. There are close on one hundred diagrams illustrating firstly the device in its simple form and secondly in combination with other strategic features. The bulk of these are by the author himself and appropriately exemplify the copious text. To the composer seeking for ideas, a study of the problems in this book—even without mastering the reading matter which is in the German language—cannot fail to suggest methods of combinations in other directions. We give three specimens which in turn show the focal plan in its simplicity, blended with the Plachutta and with the Nowotny devices.

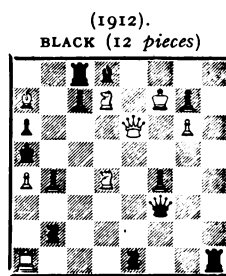
By W. F. v. HOLZHAUSEN.



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.



WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in three.



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in four.

We find we must hold over the Solver's Score Table. Next issue we will give two month's results.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,563, by F. Bennett.—1 R—K 2. With such a lavish expenditure of force the result is rather disappointing. The variety is considerable but lacks piquancy.

No. 2,564, by C. Gavrilov.—1 B—K 2, also 1 Kt (Q 7)—B 5 dis ch.

No. 2,565, by B. J. de C. Andrade.—1 R—Q B 2, K×Kt. If 1.., Kt—B 6; 2 B×P. If 1.., Kt else; 2 B—K 2 ch. A very pretty little feather-weight. The key is a generous give-and-take one. The reply to 1.., Kt—B 6 does not come to one at once. Every mate is a model.

No. 2,566, by Dr. F. Rduch.—1 B—Q 2, P—K 5; 2 as intended R—K 5 dbl ch, but we believe B—K 3 also serves. If 1.., others; 2 R×Q P. This pretty problem is unfortunately spoilt by the dual in what may be taken as the principal line.

By E. E. Westbury (p. 295).—1 B—B 8. We have before commented upon this fine two-mover. It is a finely-constructed threat problem with an excellent key.

By F. F. L. Alexander (p. 295).—1 K—B 2 ! P becomes B or Q ch, etc. ; 2 Q takes. If 1... Kt×B ; 2 K×Kt. Daringly original and extraordinary in its conception. We have here practically a blend of two two-movers. The key-move is unexpected and even if hazardous is in nine cases out of ten given up on account of the thundering 1... P becomes Q ch.

By P. F. Blake (p. 295).—1 Kt—B 7, K—B 4 ; 2 K×P, Kt moves (if 2... K moves or P—Kt 7 ; 3 R—K 1) ; 3 Kt—K 6 ch. If 1... K—B 5 ; 2 R—K 3 dis ch, K—B 4 ; 3 K×P. If 1... K—Q 6 ; 2 R—Q 2 dbl ch, K—K 6 ; 3 Kt×P ch. If 1... P—Kt 7 ; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch, K—Q 6 (if 1... K—B 5 ; 3 R—K 3 dis ch, R—K 1 dis ch. If 1... P—Q 3 ; 2 R—K 1, K—B 4 ; 3 K—Q 7. If 1... P×P ; 2 R—K 1, K—B 4 (if 2... others ; 3 Kt—Kt 5 ch) ; K×P. If 1... others ; 2 B—Kt 6 ch, K—K 6 or B 5 (if 2... K—B 6 ; 3 Kt×P ch) ; 3 R—R 3 dis ch. We have already published this beautiful four-mover and also the remarks we made thereon as judge of the *Westminster Weekly* competition. It will pay all solvers to play through the variations even if no attempt is made to solve them.

By Hume and Pirnie (p. 295).—Add a Black Rook on Q 1. 1 Kt—Q 5, R×either R ; 2 P×R becoming B. If 1... K×P ; 2 R—B 7 ch. The extraordinary feature of this piquant problem is that as the position stands with Black to make the best moves, namely R×either Rook, White replies by capturing and promotes to a Rook. As White has no waiting move available the key changes these promotions to those of a Bishop according to Black's captures of the two Rooks.

By W. J. Wood (p. 295).—1 Q—B 3, K×R ; 2 B—Kt 2 ch, R—K 5 ; 3 Kt—Q 8. If 1... R×R ; 2 Kt—B 8 ch, K—B 4 ; 3 Q×K P. If 1... P—B 4 ; 2 Kt—B 8 ch, K×R ; 3 Q—Q 3 ch. The echoes of the pinned Rook mate although not model, have been ingeniously contrived and it is pretty certain have never before been illustrated. It is a pity a mate is threatened on the second move.

By Dr. Musila (p. 296).—1 Kt—K 3, B—Q 3 ; 2 B—B 3 ch. If 1... B—B 4 ; 2 Q—Kt 7 ch. If 1... B—Kt 5 or ×P ; 2 Kt—Kt 4 ch. If 1... P—K 4 ; 2 Q—B 7 ch. If 1... K—K 5 ; 2 Q—K 5 ch. A fairly good key leading to five models. An elegant piece of work.

By Dr. Musila (p. 296).—1 B—Kt 3, Kt—K 3 ; 2 Q—B 5 ch. If 1... Kt—Kt 4 ; 2 B—B 2 ch. If 1... B×P ; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1... B—Q 5 ; 2 Q×B ch. If 1... others ; 2 Q—B 2. Here again there is some dainty models brought about in what is now regarded by conventional play including the Queen sacrifice.

By Dr. Musila (p. 296).—1 Kt—K Kt 3, K×R ; 2 Q—Kt 5 ch. If 1... P—K 3 ; 2 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1... P×P ; 2 R—B 5. If 1... B—Kt 7 ; 2 Q—B 4 ch. Perhaps not so attractive as the other two. The key is not so nice, but the play makes up for this. The White Pawn at KB 6 savours of adding a fringe variation, but we consider the author justified.

By N. M. Gibbins (p. 296).—Mr. H. H. Davis has pointed out that not only does the intended key fail, but a solution exists by 1 B—Kt. 6, P—B 6 ; 2 Q—Q 8, B 7 or ×P.

By K. S. Howard (p. 297).—1 P—Q 4, KP×P *e.p.* ; 2 Q—K 1. If 1... BP×P *e.p.* ; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. If 1... P×BP ; 2 P×P. If 1... P—Q 4 ; 2 R×P ch. If 1... others ; 2 P×P ch. The *en passant* play of this problem is most uncommon, in fact amusing. It is a great pity a second White Rook is needed to meet the defence of 1... P—Q 4.

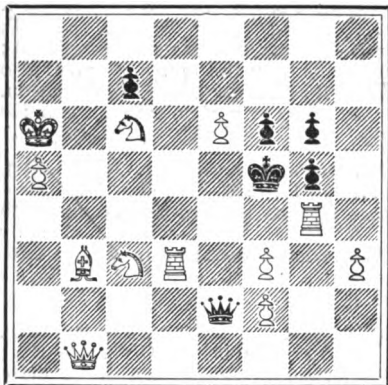
By G. G. Nasra (p. 297).—We have already given the solution to this "Fairy" problem, but notwithstanding the many changes made by the author before it reached our hands, it still is unsound. Mr. T. R. Dawson, a master in these matters demolishes the latest version by 1 P—Q 5 ch, Kt×P ; 2 R×Kt, Q—R 2 ; 3 R—Q 4, Q—Kt 8 ; 4 R×R, Q—R 2 ; 5 R—Kt 6 mate.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,571.

By A. ELLERMAN
(Buenos Aires).

BLACK (6 pieces)



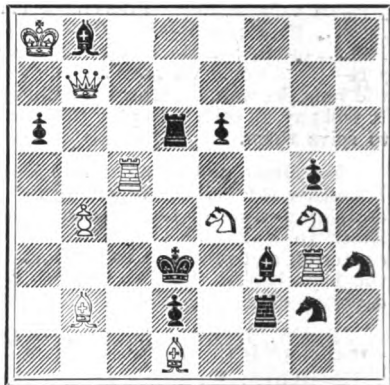
WHITE (12 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,572.

By W. LANGSTAFF
(London).

BLACK (11 pieces)



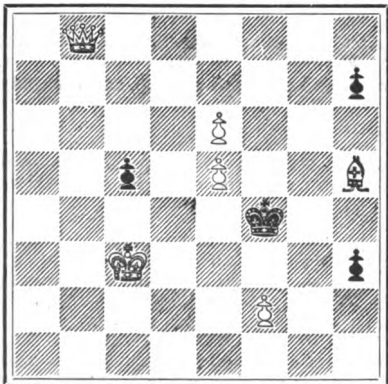
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,573.

By J. BRONOWSKI
(London).

BLACK (4 pieces)



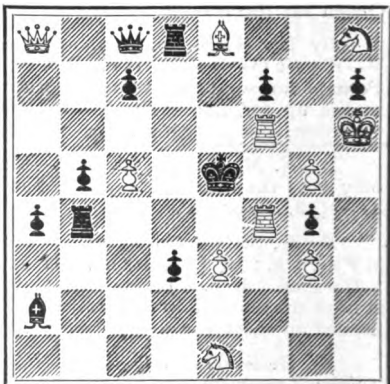
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,574.

By KENNETH S. HOWARD
(Rochester, N.Y.).

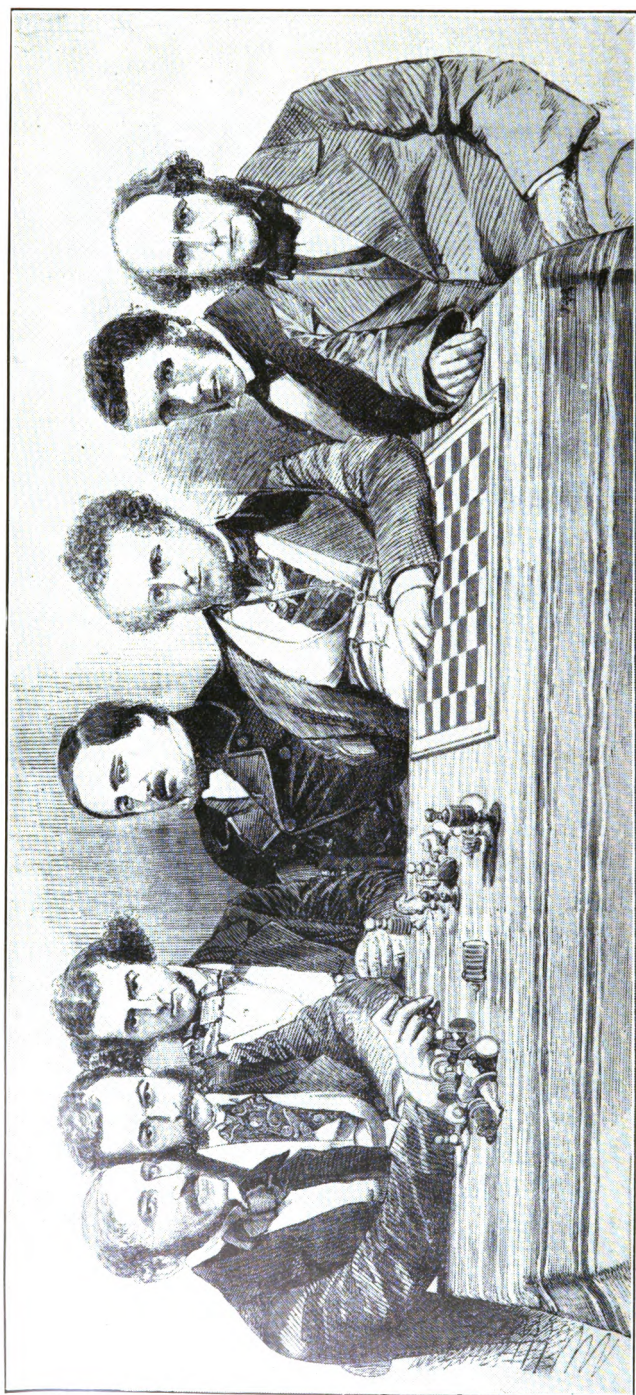
BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

WELL-KNOWN PLAYERS AT THE LEAMINGTON CHESS CONGRESS OF 1855.



HERR LOWENTHALL. M. DE RIVIERE. MR. WYVILL, M.P. HERR FALKBEER. MR. STAUNTON. LORD LYTTELTON. CAPTAIN KENNEDY.
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JOHAN JAKOB LÖWENTHAL.

On July 21st, the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Herr Löwenthal, a gathering of chess players attended at his grave at Hastings cemetery. The British Chess Federation have recently had the gravestone renovated. H. E. Dobell, hon. treasurer of the Federation attended officially, and placed a wreath on the grave in the name of British chessplayers. John Keeble, of Norwich, was also present, and brought with him a brass tablet to be affixed to the marble in the name of the Hungarian chess-players. It is inscribed as follows :—

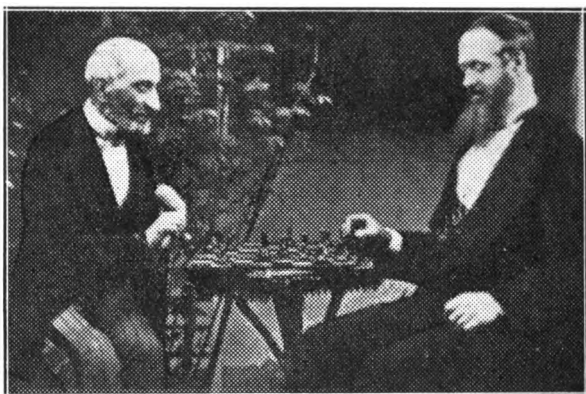
To the Memory of
J. J. LÖWENTHAL,
From the Chess Amateurs of his native city,
BUDAPEST,
on the 50th Anniversary of his death,
July 21st, 1926.

J. J. Löwenthal was born at Budapest in 1810. The son of a merchant, he was educated at the gymnasium and was taught to play chess by the famous player Szen. These two, with a third master, Grimm, challenged and beat by correspondence the Paris players in 1842—5, a performance considered wonderful as Paris was then the leading chess centre of the world, its stalwarts including Saint Amant, Kieseritzky and Deschapelles. In 1846 Löwenthal beat Hampe (of the Hampe-Allgaier Gambit) in a match by 2—1. Löwenthal and his colleagues were men of advanced and liberal opinions, and they naturally joined Kossuth when that patriot made his great effort to secure freedom in Hungary. On the downfall of this leader in August, 1848, all the three chess experts were compelled to fly from their fatherland. Löwenthal managed to reach America, and in the book of the 1857 American Congress describes as follows his stay in that country :—

I arrived in New York from Hamburg on the 29th December, 1849. I landed a refugee, driven from home, separated from family, depressed in mind, physically ill, and with very slender means at my command. My intention was to go to the West and settle down upon the land. I took lodgings at an hotel near Broadway, and afterwards removed to a boarding-house in Chambers Street, and for about a month occupied myself with seeing the city and its institutions.

During this time I was waiting for means to carry out my original intentions, but they never came, and as my limited funds melted away my position became more and more difficult.

Up to this time I had thought but little about chess . . . but of chess as an occupation I had *never* thought. One day, oppressed by the feeling of loneliness which comes over a stranger in a crowded city, and perplexed at the dark prospects before me, I wandered into a reading-room and took up the *New York Albion*. The first thing that caught my eye was a chess diagram with a position upon it. If a benevolent magician had waved his hand over me the change could not have been greater. In a moment my old love for chess revived, with a vividness I had never before experienced. The sense of loneliness vanished. I could find chess-players, and a common love for chess was, I knew, a sort of freemasonry. I could not leave the room before I had solved the problem. All night I fought in dreams many old battles over again, and anticipated combats yet to come. The next morning I called on the editor of the *Albion*,



J. J. LOWENTHAL (*left*) playing H. F. GASTINEAU (*right*).

The latter was President of the City of London Chess Club and Donor of the Cup which is still held each year by the City Champion. Photo (dated 1858) by R. F. Barnes, New Cross.

who received me very kindly, and gave me his card as an introduction to Mr. Stanley, of the British Consulate—a gentleman with whose name I was already familiar. Mr. Stanley gave me a most hospitable reception, and I spent the evening at this house.

I went to New Orleans on 18th May, 1849, and on 27th May I met Paul Morphy, then a youth, and played with him. I do not remember whether we played in all two or three games, one was drawn, the other, or others, I lost.

Early in 1851 I was tempted to leave Cincinnati to take part in the International tournament in London. It was my intention to return to my Cincinnati friends, by whose help I was enabled to take the journey; why I did not do so involves an explanation.

I arrived in London very ill, an old wound in my leg had broken out afresh, and the long and rapid journey had worn me out. My ill success in the tournament is on record. It was nothing more than might have been expected. In my weak state everything took a morbid hue. I estimated my defeat too highly, I thought a beaten man would be looked coldly on, and I felt I could not go back to those friends at Cincinnati whom I had left with such high hopes and glowing anticipations. Improved health has brought clearer views and the consciousness that I wronged those to whom I owe so deep a debt of gratitude."

The London Tournament of 1851 was on the knock-out principle and Löwenthal was beaten in the first round by E. Williams. The

Committee than arranged three matches for him when he lost to Anderssen by 5—2 and to Buckle by 4—3, but beat his former opponent Williams by 7—5.

In 1853 he played his memorable match of 11 games up with Harwitz, but after leading by 9—2 and 2 draws, actually lost the match 11—10 and 12 draws. This defeat cost him the friendship of Staunton for all time.

In 1857 at Manchester he won first prize by beating Anderssen, and in 1858 he was again first and ahead of Staunton. In this year also he encountered the redoubtable Morphy and lost by 9—3 and 2 draws. He only played this match out of courtesy, as some of the leading British players were disinclined to risk their reputation; he was the first to admit afterwards that Morphy was far too good for him.

When the St. George's Club moved to St. James' Street, Löwenthal was elected secretary out of 140 candidates, and served for four years. After this he founded the St. James' Chess Club which had a successful run for a time.

In 1854 he became chess editor of the *Era*, and in 1859 of the *Illustrated News of the World*, at the same time editing an elementary chess article in the *Family Herald*.

He edited the *Chessplayer's Magazine* from 1863—7, and was manager of the British Chess Association 1865—9.

In 1874, after winning the regard and esteem of all with whom he had come into contact, his health began to fail, and a testimonial to him was got up by Mr. G. W. Medley, the most prominent chess organiser of the day. The committee included the Earl of Dartrey, the Earl of Ravensworth, Lord Lyttelton, Lord Randolph Churchill, Capt. H. A. Kennedy, John Cochrane, J. W. Rimington Wilson (whose name is proverbial for the fine chess library he collected), and Marmaduke Wyvill, the chess-playing member of Parliament.

A sum of about £500 was collected and given to Herr Löwenthal, but just over two years later he died and left the balance of the money to the St. George's Chess Club to be administered by Mr. Medley.

At the time of his death he was living at Hastings, and was buried there in July, 1876; the members of his old club placed a stone over his grave with the following inscription:—

Erected
to the memory of
Herr LÖWENTHAL
the great chess master,
by the players and members of St. George's Chess Club.
Died July 21st, 1876.
Aged 66 years.

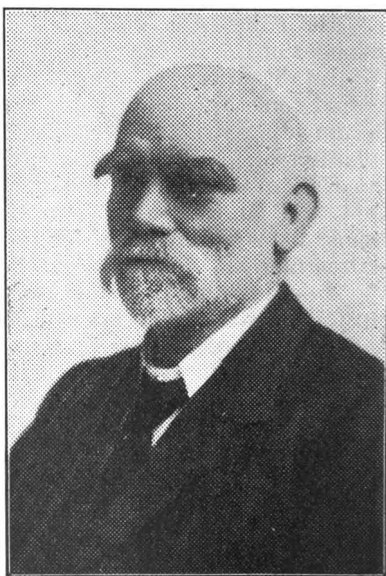
With the balance of the fund it was decided to buy a solid silver championship cup at a cost of about £100. The history of this cup is almost as romantic as that of the Hungarian player after whom it

was named. Some of the rules are worth mentioning and the adoption in present-day tournaments (where members will not play their games in time) might be considered.

RULE 6.—Any member, after entering his name for competition, shall be bound to play three games in one week, and no competitor shall resign the contest except with the permission of the playing committee. The first default will entail a fine of £1, the second a fine of £2, and the third the exclusion from the competition.

For the first five or six years the competition created great interest. In 1878 (first contest) and 1879 the Rev. W. Wayte was winner. In 1880 however Mr. James Innes Minchin (hon. secretary of the London International Tournament of 1883) secured it. The last name on the cup is that of Dr. J. E. Manlove, so well known at Hastings in the first decade of the present century. Then set in one of those periods of dry-rot which seem destined sooner or later to overwhelm a chess enterprise: the club got smaller and smaller till at the time of the great war the average attendance was two, and the club room was at the top of a tall building in Hanover Square. By this time the very existence of the cup was forgotten. It lay in its big oak case in a corner of the room and only came to light just before the club was finally wound up. One of the members, knowing how fond of such chess relics was A. F. Waterhouse, president of Sussex Chess Association, sold it to that gentleman in 1917. On his death in 1922 it was bought for the price of old silver by a dealer at the sale of his effects and only a telegram and a hastily written cheque saved its destruction by minutes. The cup is now the property of the British Chess Federation and shield each year by the champion county. The present holders are Middlesex and a picture of it may be seen in our frontispiece to the March number.

We think we cannot conclude this article more suitably than by giving a picture of the veteran player who at considerable time and trouble, located the Hungarian master's grave, notified its condition to the British Chess Federation, and superintended its restoration.



JOHN KEEBLE*

who found the time-worn tombstone in Hastings Cemetery and gave the instructions for its restoration on behalf of the British Chess Federation.

* Photo by A. E. Coe & Son, Norwich, taken by request of members of the Norwich Chess Club, April, 1925, to commemorate the 48th anniversary of his joining the Club. An enlargement has been presented to the Club.

BUDAPEST MASTERS' TOURNAMENT.

The International Masters Tournament, held in connection with congress of the International Chess Federation at the Hungarian capital, began on June 26th and ended on July 15th with a joint victory for E. Grünfeld and M. Monticelli, who scored $9\frac{1}{2}$ points each in 15 games.

The entry was a fairly representative one, the 16 players comprising 5 Hungarians (of whom Takacs entered from Vienna), 2 Austrians, 2 Poles, 2 Czecho-Slovakians, and one each from Belgium, England, Italy, Latvia and Russia. Many great names were missing; but there is a plethora of tournaments this summer, which accounts sufficiently for that.

The success of Monticelli should be very encouraging to the friends of Italian chess, for it is a long time since a master from Italy has been prominent in a mixed tournament. He fought well to the end, scoring 2 draws and 2 wins in the last 4 rounds. Grünfeld entered the last round a whole point in front of him, but was beaten by Mattison, the Latvian (and Olympic champion). This was Grünfeld's only loss; but he drew 9 games, as did also Tartakover and Vajda. Drawn games were indeed plentiful in the tournament, only Yates having none in his score. The English player was rather disappointing. He started off with 2 losses and finished up with 3. His victories over Tartakover, Reti, Rubinstein (15 moves!) and Knoch were scarcely compensation for some of his losses. Table:—

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1 E. Grünfeld ..	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	T	$9\frac{1}{2}$	} I/II
2 M. Monticelli ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	I	I	I	I	$9\frac{1}{2}$	
3 H. Knoch ..	0	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	0	I	I	9	} III/V
4 A. Rubinstein ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	0	I	I	9	
5 S. Takacs ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$8\frac{1}{2}$	} VI
6 G. Nagy ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	0	—	I	0	0	I	I	I	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	8	
7 E. Colle ..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	0	I	I	I	8	} VII
8 R. Réti ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	—	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	8	
9 H. Mattison ..	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$7\frac{1}{2}$	
10 S. Tartakover ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	
11 A. Vajda ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{2}$	
12 K. Havasi ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	I	I	6	
13 E. Steiner ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	0	I	6	
14 F. D. Yates ..	0	0	I	I	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	—	0	I	6	
15 L. Prokes ..	0	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	—	0	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
16 E. Znosko-Borovsky	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	0	I	—	$4\frac{1}{2}$	

In the Major Tourney of 16 players the first prize fell to M. Walter, of Bratislava, the second and third to B. Sarközy, of Budapest, and A. Tchepurnoff, of Viborg, Finland, *ex æquo*.

In the International *hauptturnier*, where the 45 entrants were divided into nine groups and then contested a final pool, S. Zinner, of Budapest, won his spurs and the title of master.

For the international team tourney four teams of four players each entered, the final placing being :—Hungary, 3 matches won ; Yugoslavia, 2 ; Roumania, 1 ; Germany, 0.

Mrs. Holloway won the women's tournament. We congratulate the Kent player on her victory. English ladies seem to have the knack of reproducing their best chess on the Continent !

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

The executive committee met on 10th July in London with the president, Canon A. G. Gordon Ross, in the chair. The principal business included framing the rules and conditions of the International Team Tournament of July, 1927, in London when the Council of the F.I.D.E. meet. These rules and conditions will be announced by the British delegate, Mr. V. L. Wahltuch, at the meeting of the F.I.D.E. Council at Budapest, after which the invitations will be issued and acceptances by 1st January next requested. The names of the selected players should be furnished by the units before 16th April following, such selection being subject only to the players being qualified by birth or naturalization to represent several countries. Mr. H. E. Dobell was requested to represent the B.C.F. at the ceremony on 21st July at Hastings when the 50th anniversary of Herr Lowenthal's death will be commemorated. A brass memorial plate from Hungarian players will be affixed to the monument and the B.C.F. will place a wreath on the grave.

The entries in the Edinburgh Congress were considered and the following players are competing in the chief events : British Championship—1, J. H. Blake, Surbiton ; 2 M. E. Goldstein, London ; 3, W. Gooding, London ; 4, C. R. Gurnhill, Sheffield ; 5, C. B. Heath, London ; 6, Dr. R. C. Macdonald, Inverness ; 7, R. P. Michell, Kingston ; 8, H. Saunders, London ; 9, A. R. B. Thomas, Liverpool ; 10, H. B. Uber, London ; 11, G. S. A. Wheatcroft, Oxford ; 12, F. D. Yates, Leeds. British Ladies' Championship—1, Miss Abraham, Herne Bay ; 2, Miss Andrews, London ; 3, Mrs. Battrum, Malvern ; 4, Mrs. Brockett, Glasgow ; 5, Miss Chater, Penzance ; 6, Miss Forbes, Edinburgh ; 7, Miss Gilchrist, Edinburgh ; 8, Mrs. Michell, Kingston ; 9, Miss Price, London ; 10, Mrs. Ritchie, Edinburgh ; 11, Mrs. Sollas, Oxford ; 12, Mrs. Stevenson, London. Major Open Tournament—1, W. Atkinson, Hull ; 2, A. D. Barlow, London ; 3, V. Buerger, London ; 4, J. A. J. Drewitt, Hastings ; 5, S. G. Howell-Smith, Hythe ; 6, P. C. Littlejohn, Nuneaton ; 7, J. H. Morrison, London ; 8, G. W. Moses, Hemsworth ; 9, H. A. Turriff, Arbroath ; 10, H. H. Watts, Musselburgh ; 11, H. G. Wright, Leicester ; 12, E. Znosko-Borovsky, Paris. There are also 51 players in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes.

The entry for the championship will disappoint many chess lovers in that H. E. Atkins, the present champion, is not taking part this year.

It is also to be regretted that Sir George Thomas cannot see his way to play. There are so many tournaments nowadays that it is difficult for the leaders among the British players, who wish also to meet foreign masters, to spare the time to take part in our own tests, but it will be a bad time for English chess if our leading players absent themselves from the British championship for such a purpose.

The entry, however, promises to be up to the average. There are several new aspirants, M. E. Goldstein, past champion of Middlesex, and for a long time hon. secretary of the Hampstead Chess Club, perhaps still better known as collaborator with R. C. Griffith in the production of the last edition of *Modern Chess Openings*, has already proved himself to be one of our coming players at Hastings, Weston and Scarborough and it is certain that none of the other competitors will have a walk-over against him.

G. S. A. Wheatcroft performed well in the Oxford matches last year and many strong players formed a good opinion of his style of play.

C. R. Gurnhill, of Sheffield, and C. B. Heath, of Dundee, are both well-known players, and their various performances in congresses and for their counties entitle them to respect from the other competitors.

Dr. R. C. McDonnald has been well-known in the chess arena for years and has several times won the Scottish championship.

A. R. B. Thomas was second in the first-class of 1922 Victory Tournament at Hasting, with A. Muffang first. In 1924 he only scored 4 in the Major Open Tournament, but it is hoped that he will return to the form shown in 1922.

All the others have had previous experience in the championship and one may presume that failing a return to their past form by J. H. Blake and R. P. Michell, F. D. Yates will be expected to regain the championship he last won in 1921.

In the British Ladies' Championship the entry of Miss Price makes a certainty that the holder will have to play her best to retain the championship. We fancy these two are slightly better than any of the other candidates, although Mrs. Michell can play as well as either of them.

Much interest will be taken in the entry of Mrs. Battrum, of Malvern.

Naturally, with a tournament in Edinburgh there is a good Scotch entry, but it is a little far for players living in the South; consequently the entries are not quite as numerous as usual.

In the major open tournament, E. Znosko-Borovsky, now of Paris, the Russian chess master, is one of the entrants, but there are several of the English players who are likely to press him closely, notably J. A. J. Drewitt, of Hastings, and V. Buerger, of London.

G. W. Moses played for the championship last year, but did not play up to form. There is one first-class section, two second, and two third, and as one of those who was at the last Edinburgh Congress I feel certain that the competitors will thoroughly enjoy the many amenities of Edinburgh and district.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Hampstead Chess Club Annual Report.—The annual meeting of the Hampstead Chess Club was held at Stanfield House, Prince Arthur Road, on May 25th.

The secretary's report showed that the membership of the club was 104, compared with 103 last year.

"A" League.—Hampstead again won the championship (for the eighth time), though by a smaller margin than last year, the result being in doubt up to the last match. Thirty-eight members represented the club, but notwithstanding this good representation 9 games were lost by default. The club's special acknowledgments are due to R. C. Griffith, E. Williams, and W. Eldridge, who did not fail the club once during the season. Mr. Griffith did not lose a game, and finished with the high percentage of 88·5. "C" League.—The second team were not so successful, being placed fourth, with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 8. The North, for players below the "A" Class, was won by Dr. Rose Jordan, Mr. W. Adams being second. Summer tournament: 1st, R. C. Griffith; 2nd, M. E. Goldstein; 3rd, Mrs. Holloway; 4th, R. J. Minns. Friendly matches.—The club played fourteen matches not connected with any particular competition or trophy, in which 46 members took part. The following were the most important: Against Rest of Middlesex, won, $16\frac{1}{2}$ — $13\frac{1}{2}$; Cambridge University, won, 6—3; Oxford University, lost, $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$; Combined Universities, lost, $8\frac{1}{2}$ — $11\frac{1}{2}$; Birmingham, won, $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.

M. E. Goldstein resigned the position of secretary in September. It would be difficult to estimate the value of Mr. Goldstein's services in this capacity, and the thanks of the club are due to him. E. T. Bangert, owing to pressure of business, was obliged to resign his office of tournament secretary and librarian, and he, too, has earned the gratitude of the club for the work he has done in the past. Glass's Brilliancy Prize for game played in the "A" League competitions was awarded to W. Winter, for his game in the Battersea match against F. F. L. Alexander. *

Surrey County Competitions.—Play in the preliminary sections of these competitions is approaching conclusion and it is now possible to pick out the probable prize-winners.

In the Challenge cup event, Section A, T. H. Robertson and W. Kirk have scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ with one game more to play. N. Schwartz and T. H. George follow with $4\frac{1}{2}$ (one to play). All these players have to meet E. Macdonald, whose score is 2 out of 4 games. In Section B, W. L. Brierley leads with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points and one game to play. F. F. L. Alexander follows with 6 (two to play), G. Wernick, $5\frac{1}{2}$ (one to play), G. A. Felce, 5 (two to play).

In Section A of the Slater-Kennington cup competition play is complete, O. Henke being first with $7\frac{1}{2}$ points out of 9 games; F.

*Appears in June B.C.M., Game 5'77.

Vincent, 7, second; and E. Henderson, $6\frac{1}{2}$, third. A close finish is promised in Section B, where the leaders are H. Evans, 5 (one to play) and A. V. Lightfoot, $4\frac{1}{2}$, and J. E. Redon, 4, each with two to play.

For the Felce cup, Section A is complete with W. C. Pressey, 7 points, first, followed by D. O'Keefe, 5. In Section B, S. C. Jefferson leads with 3 out of 3, followed by W. J. Williams 2 (4).

In Section A of the Wernick cup, A. Bain and G. Booth tie for first place with 5 points from 7 games. In Section B, T. Banks with $5\frac{1}{2}$ (8) wins the East Division, and G. C. Holroyd, $3\frac{1}{2}$ (4) leads in the Western division.

Will T. H. Silcock who wrote the *Sonnet to Chess* in our June number kindly send his address? One of our subscribers wishes to reprint the sonnet.

A useful team has been assembled for the Hampstead Chess Club team on its continental tour at the end of July, namely W. E. Bonwick, E. Busvine, M. E. and R. F. Goldstein, E. M. Jellie, A. E. Mercer, G. H. Rowson, E. J. Scrimgeour, P. W. Sergeant and W. Winter.

It seems likely to have its work cut out in Paris, where three matches have been arranged, for the opposition will include the redoubtable Dr. O. S. Bernstein, A. Aurbach, M. Romih, and other leading lights. Two matches have been fixed up in Brussels and one in Antwerp.

When the friendly encounter between M. E. Goldstein and H. Saunders was adjourned for the Edinburgh Congress after the 9th game, the latter was leading by one game, with six draws.

The Northants Chess Trophy and Championship has been retained by J. S. Burlingham, of Peterborough, the holder beating J. S. Greeves, Northampton, 2—1. C. Cannell, of Wellingborough, who was to have played in the final, could not meet Mr. Burlingham owing to pressure of business.

The Imperial Chess Club held its fifteenth annual general meeting at 62 Brook Street, W, on July 8th. There was an excellent attendance. The president and committee were elected by the members, who expressed satisfaction for the management of the club. F. W. Clarke, M.B.E., won the silver cup for the championship of the club, and agreed to be elected on the committee. Mrs. Stevenson came in second, and a hearty vote of thanks was expressed by all the members for the energetic, capable and unselfish way she had organised the matches during the season. She was the recipient of a very handsome testimonial as a token of their appreciation. Also a vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. Chance for managing the tournaments and auditing the accounts of the club. Owing to the increased membership the work of the club has also increased so that assistance will be

required during the next season, and consequently the committee agreed that from October 1st (when the new chess year begins) the subscription for *new* members will be raised to £4 4s. for town members and £3 3s. for country. The club closes for the month of August and reopens on September 2nd.

On July 10th Battersea paid their annual summer visit to the Christ Church Club, Brighton, and played the usual friendly match. Score:—

CHRIST CHURCH.						BATTERSEA.					
1	W. Bridger	..	..	..	I	G. Wernick	..	..	..	0	
2	R. E. Lean	..	..	..	0	P. Howell	..	..	..	I	
3	E. G. Reed	..	..	..	*0	A. D. Barlow	..	..	..	*0	
4	J. Storr-Best	..	..	..	I	O. Henke	..	..	..	0	
5	H. T. Grover	..	..	..	†½	G. Hills	..	..	..	†½	
6	Castle Leaver	..	..	..	½	S. P. Lees	..	..	..	½	
7	Dr. W. M. Varley	..	..	..	½	W. P. Plummer	..	..	..	½	
8	E. E. Stockens	..	..	..	I	D. J. Ballintine	..	..	..	0	
9	E. W. H. Lilliott	..	..	..	0	W. H. Filby	..	..	..	I	
10	G. E. Smith	..	..	..	I	G. Booth	..	..	..	0	
11	A. T. Watson	..	..	..	½	S. E. Kringle	..	..	..	½	
12	D. H. Caw	..	..	..	I	F. E. Ward	..	..	..	0	
13	A. B. Goodfellow	..	..	..	½	A. J. Tierney	..	..	..	½	
14	W. E. Hollingdale	..	..	..	I	W. Randall	..	..	..	0	
15	L. B. Hunt	..	..	..	0	F. G. Butters	..	..	..	I	
16	A. L. B. Tindall	..	..	..	I	A. H. Thomas	..	..	..	0	
17	C. R. C. Farmer	..	..	..	0	G. A. Adolphus	..	..	..	I	
18	C. Stacey	..	..	..	I	W. J. Bishop	..	..	..	0	
19	E. B. McCormick	..	..	..	0	G. A. Pesket	..	..	..	I	
20	A. E. Smith	..	..	..	½	W. Barnes	..	..	..	½	
21	V. Schildkamp	..	..	..	0	E. Bowley	..	..	..	I	
II						9					

* To be adjudicated. † Adjudicated.

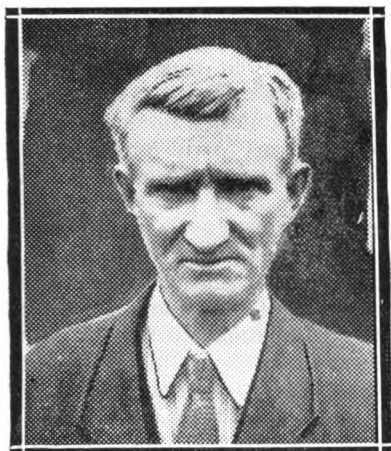
The Middlesex County cup competition for 1925-26 has been won by North London with Claremont half a point behind. The holders Ealing, made only a level score:—

	1	2	3	4	5	Total Games	Pts.
1 North London	—	7	3½	6	6	22½	3
2 Claremont	I	—	4	4½	5	14½	2½
3 Ealing	4½	4	—	3	4	15½	2
4 Muswell Hill	2	3½	5	—	4	14½	1½
5 Finchley	2	3	4	4	—	13	I

Chess at the Royal Academy. Only two supporters of chess are exhibiting at the 1926 Academy. H. H. La Thangue, R.A., has four pictures in his own inimitable style, entitled, *A Provençal Drying Floor*, *A Provençal Basse Cour*, *Goats at a Fountain*, and *Fishing Boats*, respectively.

E. W. Haslehurst has three most artistic water colours, *Egglesstone Bridge* appealed to us most, but *A Quayside, Bruges*, was pleasingly reminiscent of old Belgium.

The annual tournament for the championship of the South Wales Chess Association for 1926 was held earlier in the year.



W. MICHAEL WHITE
S. Wales Chess Champion, 1926

Sixteen entries were received for the competition, which was double the number for 1925, comprising competitors from all parts of Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire. Owing to the number engaged they were divided into two equal sections, the winners of which competed in a final contest to decide the issue.

A very keen and interesting tournament took place, which aroused the attention of many chessplayers who are not connected with local clubs. In addition several clubs have in consequence joined the Association.

In Section I, M. White, Penarth, with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$, S. M. Harper, Mountain Ash, 5, and Raymond Allen, $4\frac{1}{2}$, were the leading scorers; while in Section II were A. Harper, Mountain Ash, 5, A. M. Harper, Mountain Ash, $4\frac{1}{2}$, with J. D. Chambers, Cardiff, C. Hybart, Bridgend, and H. McKenzie, Bargoed, with equal scores of 4 each.

In the play-off between Michael White and A. M. Harper, the former won the first two games and the title, after exhibiting much improved play throughout the competition.

REVIEWS.

The Book of the Second Annual Chess Congress Hyères, 1926. Chess and Provençal song, and sunburnt mirth. Hyères Chess Club (L'Echiquier Hyérois), Café de l'Univers, Hyères, France. Hon. tournament secretary, A. J. Maas, La Palmeraie, Hyères. 6d. 3 frs.

A pamphlet of sixteen pages and two reproductions of photographs. It contains a description, in verse, of the competitors and their doings, from the pen of A. J. Maas, thirteen of the games in the principal tournament, annotated, and caricature sketches of some of the competitors from the pencil of V. Bernagozy, of the Hyères Chess Club.

The Western New Testament. By the Rev. E. E. Cunningham, M.A.

I make no apology for reviewing in the *B.C.M.* a book which has nothing to do with chess, for I feel certain that the readers of the *B.C.M.* would like to know of this translation of the New Testament, by one of our old subscribers, the Rev. E. E. Cunningham, whose brochures on chess have been the guides to so many chessplayers. His *Chess Traps and Stratagems* is a book which has gone through many editions, and deservedly so.

This present work is an attempt to give the English reader a version of the New Testament free from the irritating blunders in English that disfigure the revised version of 1881; to translate rather than boldly construe, and to make the contents more agreeable and intelligible reading than they have been up to the present, but neither paraphrasing nor lowering the dignity of the original; in a word to get clear correct English.

It will be remembered that the authorised version of 1611 was revised by a very large committee of clergy in the latter part of the last century. Those who undertook the work on the Old Testament were very happy in their conclusions, and the Revised Version is admittedly superior to the Authorised. Unfortunately this was not the case with that of the New Testament and in consequence several authors have since made an attempt to produce something clearer than the revised version, but, in my opinion, generally without much success. Where they have made the meaning clearer they have lowered the dignity of the original, and in other cases have, as the authors of the revised version did, altered some of the fine phrases of the authorised version, which had stood for so long, without in any way assisting in the interpretation, but undoubtedly weakening the phraseology.

Mr. Cunningham has produced a translation which will appeal to lovers of the New Testament, who, while the Gospels are not altered to a great extent from that of the revised version, those of the Epistles of St. Paul, which are placed in chronological order so far as authority can tell us, have been so rendered, that where both in the authorised and the revised version the meaning was ambiguous, his rendering will frequently strike readers as far more intelligible, than those of the other two.

I can understand anyone saying that with this book in front of them they are able to follow St. Paul's reasoning much better than they had done hitherto, and I feel confident in recommending it to readers.

This is naturally Mr. Cunningham's *Magnum Opus* and has taken him some twenty-two years to produce. It is printed by George Routledge & Sons, Ltd., of Broadway House, 68—74 Carter Lane, E.C., at the price of five shillings, and I hope that it will have a still better sale than his chess books.

Personally my Bible, which was specially bound for me, has a Revised O.T. with Authorised N.T. and bound suitably, as advised by Canon Anthony Deane (another chessplayer, by the by), in his book, *How to Enjoy the Bible*.

R.C.G.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS

South African Championship, 1926.—On Monday, May 17th, 10 selected players met in the rooms of the Union Club, Johannesburg, to decide the question of the chess championship of South Africa, viz. : Dr. M. Blieden, considered by Kostich the strongest in this part of the world, H. Broer, and Dr. Lewis, all local residents ; A. J. A. Cameron, once joint title-holder, and H. Meihuizen (Capetown) ; A. Chavkin, last title-holder (Bloemfontein) ; R. J. Gibbs (Maritzburg) ; Dr. J. B. McCord and L. Edgecumbe (Durban) ; and F. W. Dunbar (Pretoria).

Of these, Broer, Lewis, Gibbs and Edgecumbe were new-comers to South African tournaments, the others having figured well up the prize-list. McCord was second at Durban in 1922.

There were two surprises in the first round, where Broer beat Blieden on a palpable oversight, and Meihuizen showed his improvement by drawing with Chavkin after losing the Exchange.

In the second round Gibbs gave a glimpse of form by drawing with Cameron. A little more enterprise, and a win was possible just before the end.

Broer continued his victorious career and led in the third round, with Chavkin and Meihuizen only half-a-point behind, and Blieden, who had beaten Cameron, close up.

In the fourth round Chavkin beat Gibbs by winning Knight and Bishop for Rook, and finished up artistically. Broer met his first defeat, from Meihuizen, who was now leading.

Gibbs had the misfortune to meet Blieden on the same day as Chavkin, and the result was mainly due to a palpable oversight, such as the Doctor made in the only game he lost.

In the fifth round Cameron beat Chavkin ; Meihuizen beat Dunbar and Brown beat Gibbs, mainly on time.

In round 6 McCord stopped Broer's victorious career, and Chavkin beat Edgecumbe. Blieden beat Meihuizen, thus securing the lead for the first time.

In round 7 Dunbar beat Chavkin, by a trap which his opponent should have foreseen. Cameron, after a bad start, showed his true form by beating Broer, while Gibbs brought off a draw against Meihuizen.

In the eighth round Blieden secured the title by beating Chavkin in a finely fought game, while Edgecumbe astonished his opponent, Cameron (who was a piece up), and everybody else, by winning. Meihuizen beat McCord, and Dunbar beat Gibbs.

In the final round Blieden had to play for the draw after losing a Pawn to Dunbar, but this saved his position at the top. Dunbar played a fine game. Chavkin, who was obviously out of practice, lost yet another game, to Broer, who secured a tie for second place at his first appearance in the championship. Although Meihuizen lost his game to his fellow-townsmen, Cameron, he, too, shared

second honours. Lewis, letting his last game go by default to Edgcumbe, finished at the bottom of the list.

The last game finished was McCord v. Gibbs. The Doctor had the attack till exchanges were made, and won a Pawn; but his opponent used his agile Knight effectively and secured the draw.

Table :—

	I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	T'l.	Prize
1 Blieden	—	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	I.
2 Meihuizen	0	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	6	} II./III.
3 Broer	I	0	—	I	I	0	0	I	I	I	6	
4 Dunbar	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	I	0	I	I	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	} IV./V.
5 Chavkin	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	I	I	I	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6 Cameron	0	I	I	I	0	—	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7 McCord	0	0	I	0	0	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
8 Edgcumbe	0	0	0	0	0	I	0	—	I	I*	3	
9 Gibbs	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 Lewis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0*	I	—	I	

* By default.

The competitors were royally treated, being entertained to refreshments and lunch daily, and a farewell dinner at the Union Club on the last day, May 24th, with a visit to the Empire Theatre on the 20th; while the Y.M.C.A. C.C. entertained them at dinner on the 13th

The chess section of the Union Club financed and conducted the tournament with wonderful success. Mr. A. Michael, an old S.A. champion, was referee, Mr. J. Taylor, secretary, and Mr. Smith, M.C. Large numbers of spectators visited the tournament daily and were much interested in the high standard of play. [We note, however, that "F.W.D.," in the *Pretoria News*, differs from the correspondent who kindly supplies us with this report, saying that "the play generally appeared to be inconsistent with championship standard," the number of palpable oversights being excessive.]

The new champion, Dr. Max Blieden, was born in Philadelphia some 53 years ago, and learnt his chess mainly from the much lamented Amos Burn during the late 'nineties. After going to South Africa, he took second place twice in championship tournaments—in 1899 and 1903. In 1912 he shared first honours with Dr. B. Sieghem, now of London, but was beaten in the play-off. In 1920 he came out third, Cameron and Chavkin tying at the top of the table. This, therefore, is the first occasion on which he has won outright. He has been chess champion of Maritzburg, of the Johannesburg C.C., and of the Union Club, Johannesburg.

The absence from the tournament of L. Pierce, Natal champion, was much regretted. It had also been hoped that L. Gans, formerly of Amsterdam, might compete.

Australia.—We should like to publish an authentic list of holders of the Australian championship title, but have been unable to make sure of the early contests. Can any of our Australian readers assist us in the matter?

The brilliancy prize in the recent Australian championship has been awarded to W. Viner, ex-champion, for his win over S. Crakanthorp. "Some compensation," as *The Australasian* remarks, "for his loss of the title."

The Victorian championship has been won by F. Vaughan, late of Auckland, N.Z., with a score of 12 (10 wins and 4 draws). E. D. Stanes scored 10, W. F. Coultas 9½, and S. Merkel 9.

The annual telegraphic match between New South Wales and Victoria was played on June 7th (King's Birthday).

Canada.—For the coming Canadian championship (Montreal, August 22nd) the following were early entrants: L. Blanchard, G. Marechal, A. Lamothe, G. Gaudet, J. B. Harvey, H. Lidsky, S. B. Wilson, from Montreal; R. Campagna and I. Schulman, from Quebec; J. W. Moncur and —. Ritchie, from Hamilton; and K. Whitfield, from Galt.

A probable entry was that of M. Fox, from Peterboro. This is the former Middlesex player. At the growing Judean C.C., of Toronto, he recently played and won 8 simultaneous games.

British Guiana.—The British Guiana Chess Club has joined forces with the local Y.M.C.A., and now meets in the lecture-room of the latter at Georgetown.

Two prominent B.G. players, O. de Freitas and V. Goulding, have within recent months visited and given simultaneous exhibitions in Trinidad and Barbados.

Kenya Colony.—The scores in the championship tourney, of which we gave the result last month, were:—Spencer Palmer, 8; Middleditch, 6; Katzler, 5; Menkin and Zimmermann, 4 each; and Gosden, 3, of which 2 were scored against the ex-champion, Middleditch!

On June 10th the Nairobi C.C. played a 5-board match against the Land Office, winning by 3—2. Spencer Palmer and Menkin registered wins for the Club on the first two boards, beating Snelgar and Gosden. The following is Spencer Palmer's game:—

GAME NO. 5704.

Max Lange.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
A. H. S. PALMER		H. J. SNELGAR		A. H. S. PALMER		H. J. SNELGAR	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	12	Q—R 5	12	Kt×P ?
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	13	Q R—Q 1	13	Q—Kt 3 ch
3	B—B 4	3	B—B 4	14	K—R 1	14	Kt—K 6
4	Castles	4	Kt—B 3	15	R×P!	15	Kt×B
5	P—Q 4	5	B×P	16	Kt—Q 5	16	P×Kt
6	Kt×B	6	Kt×Kt	17	R×Q	17	P×R
7	P—B 4	7	P—Q 3	18	Q—Kt 5 ch	18	K—R 1
8	Kt—B 3	8	P—B 3	19	Q—B 6 ch	19	K—Kt 1
9	P×P	9	P×P	20	R—Q 3	20	B—Kt 5
10	B—K Kt 5	10	Castles	21	R—Kt 3 and White won.		
11	B×Kt	11	P×B				

France.—The third women's championship of France was played for in the rooms of the "Rive Gauche" Club in April and May, and the result was another victory for the holder, Mlle. J. Frigard. Mlle. P. Schwartzmann was second, Mme. Bastin (woman champion of Belgium) third, Mme. d'Amman fourth, while Mme. Schwartzmann, mother of the second prize-winner was just outside the prize-list.

Dr. O. Bernstein, who now resides in Paris, on June 6th gave a simultaneous exhibition against 53 players at "Le Fou du Roi." He won 37 games, drew 15 and lost only one.

La Stratégie for June has an article on the "hyper-modern game" in which the writer, Commandant H. Rey, of Toulon, attributes the invention of *la partie ante-hypermoderne*, as he calls it, to Staunton in 1843, when he played his big match with Saint-Amant. Having previously lost an informal match to that player, he worked out behind closed doors, in company with very strong players like Cochrane, Popert, etc., the openings which he proposed to play in the second match. Saint-Amant meanwhile, according to Commandant Rey, "went on selling his wines." The unusual openings adopted by Staunton became the foundation of the later "hyper-modern chess."

Italy.—In a match at Venice between M. Monticelli, present national champion, and A. Sacconi, the latter won by 5-3, with 2 draws. Nevertheless, as will have been seen elsewhere, Monticelli proceeded to tie for first place at Budapest.

Various local championships have been won as follows:—Rome, Ugo Calà; Milan, E. Mildmay; Florence, A. Rastrelli; Bologna, A. Böhm; Padua, A. Barchet and M. Moschini tied; Syracuse, G. Galatello.

Austria.—The entries for the masters' tourney at the congress of the German Chess Association of Vienna, July 18th—August 2nd, were:—M. Blumich, A. Dünmann, K. Gilg, T. Hess, W. Hilse, B. Hönlinger, W. von Holzhausen, A. Seitz, A. Vajda, H. Wagner, S. R. Wolf, and another, of whom the first, fifth, seventh, eighth and tenth are visitors from Germany, while Vajda is from Hungary. On August 1st and 2nd there is to be an 8-board match between Austria and Germany.

Frau Paula Kolmar-Wolf has won the women's championship tourney recently held in Vienna, scoring 8 points in 9 games.

Poland.—Chess has spread rapidly in Poland during the past few years, according to an article contributed by Emmanuel Rubinstein (Cracow) to the *Wiener Schachzeitung*. Clubs have been springing up in all the larger towns. Great interest was manifested in the recent national championship. Preceded by the local eliminatory tourneys, it was held in Warsaw, April 19th—May 2nd, and the entry (18), while not entirely representative, was very good. Only 2 points in the end separated the ninth on the list from the winner, D. Przepiorka, who is known in England through his participation in a tournament at Hastings and a subsequent visit to London. His success is ascribed

by Mr. Rubinstein to nerves of steel and extraordinary perseverance in lost positions. This can be confirmed by personal observation, for on the occasion of a visit by a *B.C.M.* contributor to the handsome quarters of the Warsaw Chess Club the new Polish champion, in spite of a position of doubtful comfort, was collected enough to come and exchange a few words of greeting, and then to resume, to gain an advantage, and ultimately to win.

A Polish Chess Federation has lately been formed, with Count Skrzynski as president, and D. Przepiorka as vice-president.

Czecho-Slovakia.—The 3rd Breyer Memorial tourney at Bratislava has been won by D. May, with a score of 14 points in 16 games. M. Walter, senr., was second, with 12½ points.

Roumania.—We have received the mid-June issue of the *Revista de Sah*, a bi-monthly chess magazine published at Soroca, Bessarabia, under the editorship of A. F. Ianovic. We see from it that the championship of Soroca this year has been won by Mr. Ianovic. In a double-round tournament of 9 players he made the excellent score of 14 points.

This Roumanian magazine is a welcome addition to our polyglot collection of chess literature!

Jugoslavia.—In a match Ljubljana and Maribor v. Zagreb, the first-named side won by 7—5. Dr. Vidmar drew with V. Vukovitch on the top board.

Switzerland.—The 30th national tournament was played at Geneva, July 25th—August 1st. We shall publish the result in our next issue.

The Swiss Chess Federation now comprises 45 clubs with a membership of 1,438, plus 62 individual members, or 1,500 in all.

Sweden.—The mastership of Göteborg for 1926 has been won by Erik Jonsson.

Iceland.—A cable match with Norway has been won by Iceland by 1½—½.

Sigurdur Jonsson has won the Icelandic championship for 1926.

United States.—The finally chosen five for the tournament at Lake Hopatcong, July 7th—21st, were Capablanca, Marshall, Maroczy, Edward Lasker and Kupchik. Torre telegraphed from Mexico that he would be unable to compete.

The result was, as expected, a victory for Capablanca, who scored 6 points (4 wins and 4 draws). Kupchik scored 5, Maroczy 4½, Marshall 3, and Lasker 1½.

Before going to Lake Hopatcong Capablanca was persuaded by the Philidor C.C., of Manhattan, to give a simultaneous exhibition against 50 opponents at the Hotel Alamac, Broadway, on June 26th. As a matter of fact 43 turned out to face the champion, who scored 42

wins and allowed one draw to a little 12-year-old girl, Miss Marien Murray, who had been having some practice at the Marshall C.C.

The Brooklyn C.C., after 22 years in Court Square, has moved to 106 Montague Street.

Argentina.—Alexander Alekhine is expected as a guest in August and September.

The second South American tournament was won by Luis Palau, champion of the Club Argentino de Ajedrez, with a score of 8 victories and 4 draws. Second was R. Grau (winner of the first tournament at Carrasco, 1922), third D. M. Reca, champion of Argentina, fourth R. Costa (Uruguay), and fifth A. O. Trompowsky (Brazil). The other competitors were B. H. Villegas (Argentina), C. and H. Anaya Oger, J. P. Freitas and J. Gabarain (Uruguay), and V. Romano, G. de Cunha and C. Pulcheiro (Brazil).

D. M. Reca has beaten J. A. Lynch in a match by $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.

The first women's tournament in South America, held under the patronage of the Club Español de Buenos Aires, has been won by Señora M. C. de Prelooker, against 11 competitors. The winner is of the 4th class in the Club Argentino de Ajedrez.

The Club Argentino de Ajedrez has moved into new quarters at Carlos Pellagrini 449, Buenos Aires.

An excellent memorial article by H. Krause on the late Dr. L. O. Svenonius appeared in the June number of the *Deutsche Schachzeitung*, showing the high value of his contributions to the theory of the openings.

OBITUARY.

Canon Deane.—A great chess enthusiast passed away on July 4th, in the person of Canon Arthur Mackreth Deane. The Canon was in his 90th year, and up to 1922 was an ardent problem composer and solver under his well-known *nom de plume* of "East Marden."

He learned chess at school, but gave it up till one day the column in the *Illustrated London News* rekindled the spark which has only now been extinguished. Soon after this, he became president of Sussex Chess Association, and his problems appeared in most of the newspapers which opened their columns to this art. We are indebted to the *Sussex Chess Journal* of September, 1891, for the following anecdote.

In 1880 Mr. G. R. Reichhelm offered a prize in the American papers for a solution of the following puzzle. "Place the men as at the beginning of a game, and White, on the condition that Black imitates exactly each move that he makes, compels Black to stalemate him in 25 moves." This proved too difficult for the American chess-players, but when the puzzle was repeated in England, Canon Deane not only solved it, but cooked it in 23 moves!

Canon Deane took the chair in 1892 at the meeting which established the Southern Counties Chess Union, and became first president of that body.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 318).

Only 14 solutions to Senior Problems Nos. 25 and 26, but they are nearly all very good attempts. The general answers to 25 please me very much, and solvers, who have in the past found these problems difficult, show great improvement; but I am very perturbed in the drop in numbers, as also to the solutions sent to Competition Problems, which are poor in number, and generally in quality too. I have written to a correspondent, whose opinion I value highly, to ask for suggestions for something to take the place of these problems, of which readers of the *B.C.M.* appear to be tired. It is something to the good that several solvers have said that the study and working-out of these problems has undoubtedly strengthened their play, but in many cases these very solvers have dropped out! With regard to 26, several solvers have reached the correct solution by 1 K—Q 4 and 2 K—B 4, but this permits Black to play 1... K—K 1 and 2... B—K 2 and draw. Also some have failed to see that Kt—Kt 4 must not be played, when Black King is at K 1, because then Black draws by B—K 2, and moving Black King to Queen's side.

"Hotchpot" (India) leads this month, with 131 carried forward and 5, 6, 7, 3 for 23/6=152; "Craddock" 132, 4, 10, 146; "T.E.S.," 133, —, 9, 142; "Nemo," 129, 6, 6, 141; "Gambit," 109, 5, 9, 123; "Cic," 105, 7, 3, 115; "Persequere," 87, 5, 5, 97; "C.H.D.," 81, 6, 9, 96; "Hack," 62, 8, 9, 79; "Eze," (23/4), 58, 7, 8, 73; "A.M.," 34, 6, 10, 50; "J'adoubé," 32, 7, 10, 49; "Pussycat," 45, no solutions; "Castles Q R," 35, —, 6, 41; "Sirius" (1), 20, 7, 10, 37; "Santermed" 35, no solutions; "Beta" (1), 13, 7, 9, 29; "Clare" (1), —, 7, 7, 14.

ANSWERS TO SENIORS: "Clare."—You have the idea correct of 26, but as pointed out you start wrongly. "T.E.S."—No solution of 25: Yes, I think you have proved your case re 21. "Craddock."—I may be judging by result, but I differ from you as to 25. The best solution of 26. "Hotchpot."—You should be interested in the solution of 26, although it is of course a "made-up" position. "Nemo"—See answer to "Craddock" re 25. In your solution of 26, White must not play Kt—Kt 4 till Black King has moved to B 1 or K 2. "Gambit."—Quite an improvement in suggestions to 25, even though I do not in every case agree with you. I think everyone discovering 26 without help is to be congratulated. "Cic."—No, I do not think you could generalise as much as that, it is more a matter of opinion and style. 3 Kt 5 is frequently cramping to Black, but after P—K R 3, I fancy B×Kt is best. Your answer to 26 fails because White's two first moves are wrong. "C.H.D."—I like 4... P—K R 3 because it makes White declare his intention. Yes, thanks to my car, which I found very useful. "Castles Q R."—You fail in 26 because you omitted to see the necessity of K—B 8 before P—Kt 6. "A.M."—Criticisms of 25 a little too "slight"; 26 excellent. "J'adoubé," "Sirius," "Hack,"—Congratulation. "Eze."—Cannot find them, so sorry. "Beta."—I agree with most of your Answers to 25, except the last. "Persequere."—The continuation was: 13 B—Kt 3, Kt—K R 4; 14 P—R 3, Kt×B; 15 P×Kt, P—K R 4; 16 Kt—Kt 3, P—R 4; 17 Q R—Q 1, P—R 5; 18 Kt—B 1, P—Kt 5; 19 P×P, P×P; 20 Kt—K R 2, B—B 3; 21 Kt×P, B—Q 5 ch; 22 R×B, Kt×R; 23 Q—Q 2, P—B 4; 24 P×P, Kt×P; 25 B—Q 3, Kt×P; 26 R—B 6, R—R 8 ch; 27 K—B 2, R—B 8 ch, and won; quite an exciting skirmish! You start wrong in 26.

There were 13 solvers to Junior Problems Nos. 25 and 26, but they were not quite so satisfactory as the answers by the seniors. I fancy 25 (Juniors) was more difficult than 25 (Seniors) to criticise, so it is not to be wondered at that some failed. Because the May number was late many solvers only sent solutions to one problem, but although I gave them another month they made no use of the extension with one exception.

Some of the leaders in the Juniors sent no solutions at all, for instance, "Robo," winner in May, nor "Lady Clare," whose score of 111 is top of the ladder despite it. The next scores are: "Stalemate," 89, 5, 7, 101; "Particles," 88, 3, 3, 96; "Nigger," 87, 4, 5, 96; "Chess," 79, 7, 7, 93; "Edina," 83, no solutions; "Knowsley" (1), 65, 7, 4, 76; "Ostree," 67, no solutions; "Lopez," 58, —, 4, 62; "Patlander," 43; 5, 7, 55; "Tyro" (1), 40, 5, 6, 51; "Thule," (1), 23/6, 40, 3, 3, 4, —, 50; "Kodak," 37, 7, 5, 49; "Plachutta," 49, no solutions; "Wifile," 41, 5, 2, 48; "Delta," 29, 5, 7, 41; "George," 23, —, 4, 27.

Several solvers found a win by 1.., Kt—K 2; 2.., Kt—Q 4; 3 R—K 5; and 4.., Kt—B 5 ch, or 1..Kt—Kt 2 and 2.., Kt—R 4.

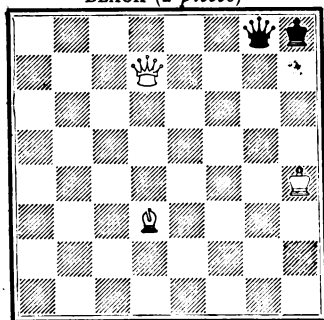
ANSWERS TO JUNIORS: "Particles," "Tyro."—Your solutions are altogether too cryptic. "Thule."—I wish you luck at Edinburgh. Mind you go to Rosslyn Castle. "George."—White would save an important move by 5 K—R 1 instead of 5 K—B 2. "Delta."—You crowd so much on a p.c. it is difficult to follow; 2 R—B 4 should be R—B 5. Can make very little of the Competition problems solutions. "Kodak."—I should be glad if you would number your moves. "Lopez."—Glad to welcome you again. Hope the neglected opening has been restored! "Knowsley."—26 not up to your usual. "Stalemate."—Quite clear this time. "Nigger."—I think there is little doubt about the win for Black, owing to White's King being so confined, and in more than one way too. "G.H.N."—Solutions of 21 and 22 Juniors, 3, 7. Have you got a pseudonym, and a previous score? Do not try both sets. I should try Juniors first.

Problem No. 27. Seniors. A game opened recently with 1 P—K 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 3 P—Q B 4, Kt—Kt 3; 4 P—Q 4, P—Q 3; 5 P×P, K P×P; 6 B—K 3, Kt—B 3; 7 Kt—Q B 3, B—B 4; 8 Kt—B 3, B—K 2; 9 P—Q 5, Kt—Kt 1; 10 Kt—Q 4, B—Kt 3; 11 B—K 2, Kt (Kt 1)—Q 2; 12 Castles, Castles; 13 P—B 4, P—K R 3; 14 Q—Q 2, K R—K 1; 15 P—Q Kt 3, B—B 3. How should White continue? Criticise the opening-play. What would be the continuation if 9.., Kt—K 4? Problem No. 27. Juniors. A game opened 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 2 P—Q B 4, P—Q B 3; 3 P—K 3, Kt—B 3; 4 Kt—Q B 3, P—K 3; 5 Kt—B 3, Q Kt—Q 2; 6 B—Q 3, P×P; 7 B×P, P—Q B 4; 8 Castles, P—Q R 3; 9 P—Q R 4, P×P; 10 Kt×P, B—K 2; 11 P—R 5, Castles.

Black's last move is a bad move, why? What ought he to have played? In this variation Black more often continues 7.., P—Q Kt 4. Give the next 5 moves on each side.

Problem No. 27 (Seniors).

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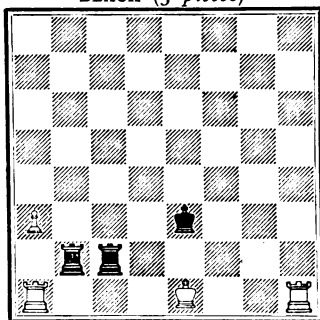
WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 27 (Juniors).

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)

Black to play.

What result and how?

Owing to the space being wanted for the report of the B.C.F. Tournament at Edinburgh in September, these pages will not be continued until October, therefore solutions to these problems need not be sent in until September 30th to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W.3.

CHESS IN ICELAND.

From *Islenskt Shákblad* (Iceland Chess News)

GAME No. 5,705.

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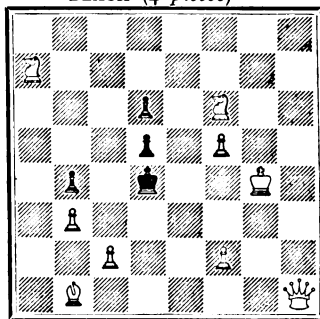
H. ARNÓRSSON A. GUDMUNDSSON

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| 1 P-Q 4 | 1 Kt-K B 3 |
| 2 P-Q B 4 | 2 P-K 4 |
| 3 P x P | 3 Kt-Kt 5 |
| 4 B-B 4 | 4 Kt-Q B 3 |
| 5 Kt-K B 3 | 5 B-Kt 5+ |
| 6 Kt-B 3 | 6 Q-K 2 |
| 7 Q-Q 5 | 7 B x Kt+ |
| 8 P x B | 8 Q-R 6 |
| 9 Q-Q 2 | 9 P-B 3 |
| 10 P x P | 10 Kt x P (B 3) |
| 11 B x P? | 11 Kt-K 5 |
| 12 Q-K 3? | 12 Castles |
| 13 B-K 5? | 13 Kt x B |
| 14 Kt x Kt | 14 Kt x K B P |
| 15 Q-Q 2 | 15 Q-R 4 |
| 16 Kt-B 3 | 16 Kt x R |
| 17 P-K 3 | 17 P-Q 3 |
| 18 B-Q 3 | 18 B-Kt 5 |
| 19 B-K 4 | 19 Q R-K 1 |
| 20 B x Kt P | 20 Q-Kt 3 |
| 21 B-Q 5+ | 21 K-R 1 |
| 22 K-K 2 | 22 R x P |

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| 23 Q x R | 23 Q-Kt 7+ |
| 24 Q-Q 2 | 24 R-K 1+ |
| 25 K-Q 3 | 25 Kt-B 7+ |
- Resigns

Problem by H. ARNÓRSSON (Akureyri).

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

White to play and mate in two.

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All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time, and our season begins on September 1st, when entries for the different tourneys are invited.

Will members please note that all Trophy games unfinished on August 31st, must be forwarded for adjudication. Also handicap games, unless players wish to carry the latter forward to next season's results. It would save a good deal of work if members who wish to enter the new Trophies tourney would kindly send their entries early. The fee for new members is 7/6 the first year, and 5/- per year afterwards. This allows play in every tourney without extra cost, except the Knockout, for which a fee of 1/6 is necessary to cover the cost of medals. Year Book and magazines are free.

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Change of Address.—R. C. Day to 86 Rosemary Road, Peckham, S.E.15; R. G. Tyzack to 143 Throstle Road, Middleton, nr. Leeds.

New Knockout Tourney.—Preliminary Round: Major Jones beat Brayne, Kennedy beat Duffell, Coole beat McClusky, Lesser beat Terry. All unfinished games should be sent in for adjudication on August 31st.

Old Knockout.—No. 2 Tourney, Gold Medal Section: Gunston beat Wood in the final, and wins the gold medal.

Trophy Results.—Class 1: Gunston beat Chambers and Bodkin; Bussell beat Chambers. Class 2a: Kitchener and Major Jones drew. Class 2b: Shelton beat Armitage, Windybank beat Wilson, Shelton, Shead, Stoneman and Toledano; Lesser beat Stoneman. Class 3a: Snook beat Heywood, Whitty and Duffell, and lost to J. O. Brown; Finch beat Whitty. Class 3b: Jago beat Anderson, Hopkins, Kennedy, Wilcox, Coole; Day beat McClusky. Class 4a: Behrndt beat Porch, and drew Heath. Class 4b: Houghton beat Davis, Lambert beat Laslett; Somerville retired owing to illness, and his games go to opponents. We hope he will soon recover. Class 5: Miss Herridge beat Boutland and lost to Derlien; Bond beat Miss Eveling.

Class 1, Trophies Tourney, is a keen fight; Gunston leads without loss, but is closely followed by Bussell, Bodkin and Dewing. Class 2a: Jayne wins this with one loss, and a score of 8½ out of 10. Class 2b: Windybank has the lead with 6 wins and no losses. Class 3a: Play is slow, but Gurney leads. Class 3b: Lowe has proved himself too strong for this section, with 8 wins. Class 4a: Here is a keen fight

between Richardson and Aston. Class 4b : Slow play, with Marsden and Houghton $4\frac{1}{2}$ each, leading. Class 5 : This contest is very open, and Miss Herridge is making a good fight, with Derlien and Tyzack, for honours.

Trophy Sheets.—We thank all members who have verified or corrected results. Corrections will be made in our scores.

Jersey Match.—We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Bruce, and Tregear, two of our opponents in the above match. The match now stands $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$ in our favour. Capt. le Brun has won for Jersey and Colborne, Tollitt and Rocks (above), Anderton, have won for us. Lesser and Marquis drew.

Anglo-Irish Correspondence Match.—The above match has commenced with 90 players a-side, which will be raised to 100. No more players are required for the English side. Every county in Ireland is represented.

Played in Trophies Tourney, Class 2a, Round 2.

GAME No. 5,706.

WHITE		BLACK	
W. T. DITCHAM	G. P. KITCHENER	W. T. DITCHAM	G. P. KITCHENER
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	18 B—Q Kt 3	18 B—Q 2
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—Q B 3	19 P—Q B 4	19 P×B
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	20 B P×P	20 R—K B 1
4 P—K 3	4 P—K 3	21 Kt—Kt 4	21 Castles Q R
5 Kt—K B 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2	22 P—Q R 4	22 P—Q B 4
6 B—Q 3	6 P×P	23 P—Q R 5	23 Kt—R 1
7 B×B P	7 Kt—Q 4	24 P—Q R 6	24 B—Q B 3
8 Castles	8 Kt (Q 2)—B 3	25 P—Q 5	25 K P×P
9 Kt—K 5	9 P—K Kt 3	26 P×P (Q 5)	26 B—Kt 4
10 Q—B 3	10 Q—K 2	27 P—Q 6	27 Q—Q 2
11 P—K 4	11 Kt×Kt	28 P×P ch	28 Q×Kt P
12 P×Kt	12 Kt—Q 2	29 B—Q 5	29 Q—Kt 3
13 B—B 4	13 B—Kt 2	30 K R—Q Kt 1	30 Kt—B 2
14 Kt—Kt 4	14 P—K R 4	31 P×Kt	31 K×P
15 Kt—K 3	15 Kt—Kt 3	32 R×B	32 Q×R
16 P—K 5	16 P—Kt 4	33 R×P ch	33 K—B 1
17 B—K Kt 3	17 P—R 5	34 B—K 6 ch and mate in four.	

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GAME DEPARTMENT

Two games from the match Winter *v.* Romih, referred to on page 277. Notes by J. H. B.

GAME No. 5,707.

Queen's Pawn Game.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| W. WINTER | M. ROMIH |
| 1 P—Q 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 Kt—K B 3 | 3 P—Q Kt 3 |
| 4 P—K Kt 3 | 4 B—Kt 2 |
| 5 B—Kt 2 | 5 P—Q B 4 |
| 6 P—Q 5 | |

A suggestion of Rubinstein's. It blocks Black's Queen's Bishop, but at the expense of providing his King's Bishop with a free range.

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| | 6 P×P |
| 7 Kt—R 4 | 7 Kt—R 3 |
| 8 P×P | 8 P—K Kt 3 |

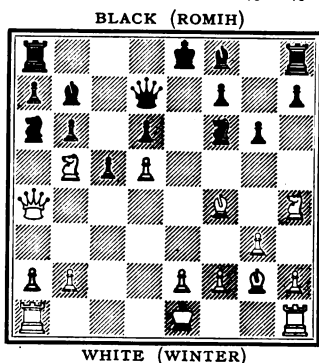
.....This is premature. He should first secure his Q 3 square by 8... P—Q 3; 9 Kt—Q B 3; Kt—B 2; then ... P—K Kt 3 is safe.

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| 9 Kt—Q B 3 | 9 B—Kt 2 |
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.....Quite oblivious of White's threat! The line of play just mentioned is still open, and indeed indispensable.

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| 10 Kt—Kt 5 | 10 P—Q 3 |
| 11 B—B 4 | 11 B—K B 1 |
| 12 Q—R 4 | 12 Q—Q 2 |

Position after 12... Q—Q 2.



- | WHITE (WINTER) | BLACK (ROMIH) |
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| 13 B—R 3 | |
- A neat surprise; it disorganises Black's game completely.

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| | 13 Q×B |
| 14 Kt×Q P ch | 14 K—K 2 |
| 15 Kt×B | 15 Kt—Q Kt 5 |

.....A panic move! The only resource worth trying was 15... Kt×P, when 16 B—Q 6 ch, K—B 3; 17 Q×Kt, Q—K 3; 18 B×B, KR×B; 19 R—Q 1 wins a piece and extricates the Knight afterwards.

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| 16 B—Q 6 mate | |
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GAME No. 5,708.

Irregular Opening.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
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| W. WINTER | M. ROMIH |
| 1 Kt—K B 3 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—Q B 4 | 2 P—K 3 |
| 3 P—K Kt 3 | 3 P—Q Kt 3 |
| 4 B—Kt 2 | 4 B—Kt 2 |
| 5 Castles | 5 P—Q 3 |

.....The right course now was 5... P—B 4, for if 6 P—Q 4, P×P; 7 Kt×P, B×B, and White's King's side would be very

susceptible to counter-attack by ... P—KR 4.

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| 6 P—Q 4 | 6 Q Kt—Q 2 |
| 7 Kt—Q B 3 | 7 Kt—K 5 |
| 8 Q—B 2 | 8 Kt×Kt |

.....This misses an opportunity of transposing favourably into the *Dutch Defence* with 8... P—KB 4.

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| 9 Q×Kt | 9 B—K 2 |
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10 Q-B 2

10 R-Q Kt 1

19 P-K Kt 4! 19 Q-Kt 3

.....A precaution hardly necessary yet. 10... Kt-B 3 would discount White's Queen's move. If 11 Q-R 4 ch, Q-Q 2; 12 Q×Q ch, Kt×Q, and this exchange is not unfavourable to Black. As things go he is left with a clear inferiority of position.

11 P-K 4

11 Castles

12 B-K 3

12 P-K R 3

.....He aims at ... P-K B 4, and refrains from ... P-Q B 4 because it would provoke P-Q 5; but in fact P-Q 5 comes in much more effectively after the course taken, because it now permits Kt-Q 4, which Black should render impossible (as ... P-QB 4 would do).

13 Q R-Q 1

13 Q-K 1

14 P-K R 3

14 P-K B 4?

15 P×P

15 P×P

16 P-Q 5

16 Q-R 4

17 Kt-Q 4!

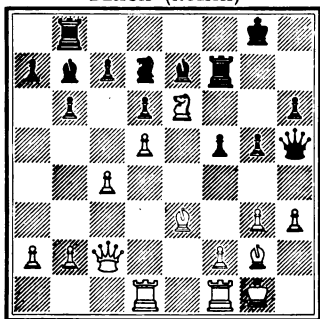
17 R-B 2

18 Kt-K 6

18 P-K Kt 4

Position after 18... P-K Kt 4.

BLACK (ROMIH)



WHITE (WINTER)

20 Kt-Q 4

20 Kt-B 1

21 Kt×P

21 B-B 1

22 B-K 4

22 B×Kt

23 B×B

23 Q-Kt 2

24 B-Q 4

24 B-B 3

25 B×B

25 Q×B

26 Q R-K 1

26 R-K 2

27 R-K 2

27 Q R-K 1

28 K R-K 1

28 R×R

29 R×R

29 R×R

30 Q×R

30 K-B 2

31 K-Kt 2

31 P-Q R 4

32 Q-B 3

32 K-Kt 2

33 Q-B 3

33 Q×Q

34 P×Q

34 K-B 3

35 K-Kt 3

35 P-R 4

36 P-B 4

36 P×Kt P

37 R P×P

37 P-R 5

38 P-R 3

38 P×P ch

39 K×P

39 K-B 2

40 P-Kt 5

40 K-Kt 2

41 K-Kt 4

41 K-B 2

42 K-R 5

42 K-Kt 2

43 P-Kt 6

43 K-B 3

44 K-R 6

44 Kt×P

45 B×Kt

45 K-K 4

.....Or 45... P-Kt 4; 46- P×P, K-K 4; 47 P-B 4, K-Q 5; 48 B-Q 3! K×B; 49 P-B 5, P×P; 50 P-Kt 6, P×P; 51 P-Q 6 and wins.

47 B-K 8

Resigns

GAME No. 5,709.

Played in the tournament for the Spanish championship. Notes by J. H. Blake.

French Defence.

WHITE

BLACK

J. VILARDENO

P. SOLER

1 P-K 4

1 P-K 3

2 P-Q 4

2 P-Q 4

3 Kt-Q B 3

3 Kt-K B 3

4 B-K Kt 5

4 B-K 2

5 P-K 5

5 K Kt-Q 2

6 P-K R 4

An attack which has been popularized by Dr. Alekhine.

although claimed to be of earlier origin than his use of it. The best way of meeting it is much in doubt at present, but there is general agreement that Black should not accept the Pawn offered.

- 6 B×B ?
 7 P×B 7 Q×P
 8 Kt—R 3 8 Q—K 2
 9 Q—Kt 4

9 Kt—B 4, P—Q Kt 3; 10 Q—Kt 4 was played by Bogoljuboff. Its superiority lies in the fact that Black cannot then continue 10... P—KB 4 on account of 11 Q—R 5 ch.

9 P—KB 4

10 Q—Q 1

This cannot be good; it is tantamount to permitting Black to make, within limits, three consecutive moves without change of White's position. 10 Q—R 5 ch, P—K Kt 3; 11 Q—R 6, threatening 12 Kt—K Kt 5, would maintain the attack.

10 P—B 4

.....Black should have utilised the time gained to make his Queen's side safe by 10... P—Q R 3, with ... P—B 4 to follow; White would then find an attack very difficult to get.

- 11 Kt—Q Kt 5 11 Kt—B 1
 12 Kt—Q 6 ch 12 K—Q 2

.....If 12... K—Q 1; 13 Kt—K Kt 5!

- 13 P×P 13 Kt—Q B 3
 14 B—Kt 5 14 Kt—Kt 3
 15 Q—Q 4 15 P—Q R 3

.....15... K—B 2, without making the "hole" at Kt 6, was much better.

- 16 B—R 4 16 K—B 2
 17 B×Kt 17 K×B
 18 P—Q B 4 18 B—Q 2
 19 Castles Q R 19 P×P
 20 Kt×B P

20 Kt×Kt P is merely plausible; after 20... K×Kt; 21 Q×B ch, Q×Q; 22 R×Q ch K—B 3 White has as many weak spots as Black.

- 20 Q R—Q 1
 21 K—B 2
 22 P—R 3
 23 K—Kt 1
 24 Q—Kt 4

24 R—R 3 should come first; he could then ignore the threat to his K Kt P; e.g., 24 R—R 3, B—B 3; 25 R—Q Kt 3, and the Pawn cannot be taken because of 26 R—Kt 1; 27 R×B and 28 P—B 6.

24—B—B 3

25 R—R 2

.....And still 25 R—R 3 was strong, because if 25... B×P; 26 R—Kt 3, Kt—R 5; 27 R—Kt 1 and wins two pieces for a Rook, as Black dare not withdraw the Bishop. If 25... Kt—R 5; 26 R×Kt! wins, as in next note.

25 R—Q 2

.....He has not time here for 25... Kt—R 5 because of 26 R×Kt!, Q×R; 27 Kt×Kt P, B×Kt; 28 P—B 6! and wins. Or 27... R×R ch; 28 Kt×R, Q—K 2; 29 Kt—R 5 ch and wins. The text-move is to forestall this.

- 26 R—Q 3 26 K R—Q 1
 27 R—Q R 3 27 K—R 1
 28 K R—R 3 28 R—B 2

.....If 28... B×P he dreads 29 K R—K Kt 3, Kt—R 5; 30 R×B, Kt×R; 31 P—B 6, P×P; 32 Q—Kt 6.

29 Q—Kt 6

Enterprising, but of doubtful soundness.

29 Kt×B P

30 K R—Q Kt 3 30 Q—Q 2

.....The threat was 31 R×P ch, P×R; 32 Q×R P ch, R—R 2; 33 Q×B ch and wins; but 30... B—Q 4 is a much better way of forestalling it; if 31 R—Kt 4, P—Kt 4, and weaknesses in White's game would begin to obtrude themselves upon notice.

- 31 P—Kt 3 31 Kt—Q 4
 32 Q—R 5 32 Q—K 2

.....Commencing a manoeuvre, which, by leaving his King's Rook in the air, leads to loss of the game. He should play 32... P—Kt 4; 33 Kt—Q 3, R—K B 1,

and the King's side would give White cause for anxiety.

33 Kt—Q 3 33 Q—Kt 4 ch
34 K—Kt I 34 Q×P

.....Fatal rashness. White uses the opportunity thus provided in distinguished style.

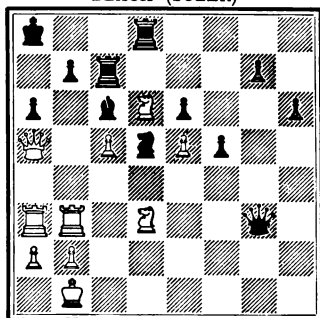
(See diagram)

35 $R \times P!$	35 $B \times R$
36 $Kt \times B$	36 $Q-Kt$ 8 ch
37 $Kt-B$ 1	37 $K-Kt$ 1
38 $Kt \times R$	38 $Q \times P$
39 $Q \times Q$	39 $R \times Q$
40 $Kt \times P$	40 $R-B$ 3
41 $Kt \times P$	41 $P-B$ 5
42 $R-Q$ 3	42 $Kt-B$ 2
43 $Kt-K$ 2	43 $R-K$ Kt 3
44 $Kt-R$ 5	44 $R-Kt$ 4
45 Q $Kt \times P$	45 $R \times P$

46 R-Q 6	46 R-K B 4
47 R×K R P	47 K-Kt 2
48 K-B 2	48 Kt-Kt 4
49 K-Q 3	49 Kt-B 2
50 K-Q 4	Resigns

Position after 34... $Q \times P$.

BLACK (SOLER)



WHITE (VILARDENO)

Games played in the Dresden Tournament, notes by J.H.B.

GAME No. 5,710.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE	BLACK
Dr. A. ALEKHINE	M. BLÜMICH
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—K Kt 3
3 B—Kt 5	3 B—Kt 2
4 Q Kt—Q 2	4 Castles
5 P—K 3	

White's intention is to give the Queen's Pawn the firmest possible support against the Black King's Bishop.

6. B—Q B 4 5 P—Q 3

When the Bishop can obtain this diagonal against the Indian Defence White usually gets the upper hand. If now 6. ., P—Q 4 White afterwards has full command of his K 5 square for his Knight, supported by P—K B 4.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} & & 6 \text{ Kt}-\text{B}_3 \\ 7 \text{ P}-\text{B}_3 & & 7 \text{ P}-\text{Q R}_3 \end{array}$$

.....Serving no intelligible purpose here.

8 Q—K 2 8 B—Kt 5

.....As he does not intend to take the Knight, it would be better to go to Q 2 at once; White is merely presented with the move P—K R 3, and is able to turn it to account.

$\begin{array}{r} 9 \text{ P—K R } 3 \\ 10 \text{ Kt—R } 2 \end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{r} 9 \text{ B—Q } 2 \\ 10 \text{ Q—B } 1 \end{array}$

.....If 10.., P—K 4; 11
Kt—Kt 4!

II P—B₄ II P—K₄

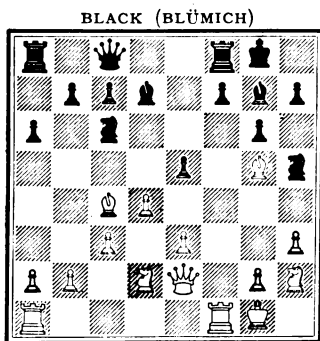
.....To abstain from this would merely invite White to push his own King's Pawn to the 4th and 5th square.

I ₂	B P × P	I ₂	P × P
I ₃	Castles	I ₃	Kt—K R ₄

.....Not 13.., Kt—K 1
because of 14 P—Q 5 and 15 B—

K7 winning the Exchange. Black's game is now cut in two by the action of the White Bishops and White has to consider how best to perform the operation of overwhelming the more vulnerable side before the other can come to its support.

Position after 13.., Kt—K R 4.



14 R×P

A questionable method, as will presently appear. A better course was 14 Q—B3, to which Dr. Alekhine gives the following continuation: 14 Q—B3, P×P; 15 B P×P, Kt×P; 16 P×Kt, B×P ch; 17 K—R1, B—K3; 18 Q—Q3? Q—Q2, etc. Instead however, of 18 Q—Q3 White should play 18 Kt—Kt4, and with a piece for two Pawns and a good attack he has a manifest superiority.

15 B×R ch 14 R×R
15 K×B

16 Q—B4 ch 16 B—K3
17 P—Q5 17 B×P

.....Black probably expected 18 Q×B ch, Q—K3; 19 R—K B1 ch, B—B3 (best); 20 Q—B3, K—Kt2! and the worst of his difficulties would be over; he fails to take account of the fact that the Rook's check before capture of the Bishop makes an important difference; and with a move to spare here he should utilise it to hinder that check. 17.., Kt—Kt6 was the right line; to this White has only one effective answer, viz., 18 Kt—K4 (18 Kt—B1, Kt—B4!), then 18.., Kt×Kt; 19 P×B ch (19 R—K B1 ch, K—K1!), Q×P; 19 Q×Kt, R—K B1, and Black has succeeded in reuniting his forces with equality. White's combination at move 14 would appear therefore to have been relatively unsound.

18 R—K B1 ch! 18 Kt—B3

.....18.., B—B3, offering the variation given at beginning of the last note, was a little better; but White could now continue 19 Q—K R4, recovering his piece by capture of the other Bishop, with greater effect. 18.., K—K3 would lead to the Black King being driven into mating positions on the Queen's side.

19 Q×B ch 19 Q—K3
20 Q—B3 20 Q—B4
21 B×Kt Resigns

.....For if 21 B×B, 22 Kt—Kt4 wins a piece.

GAME No. 5,711.

Alekhine's Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
F. D. YATES	DR. A. ALEKHINE
1 P—K4	1 Kt—K B3
2 P—K5	2 Kt—Q4
3 P—Q B4	3 Kt—Kt3
4 P—Q4	4 P—Q3
5 P×P	5 B P×P

.....Recapturing with Kings'

Pawn is usual for equality. The text-move foreshadows the fianchetto development of the Bishop, and the opening then takes an unconventional course.

6 B—K3 6 P—K Kt3
7 Kt—Q B3 7 B—Kt2
8 Kt—B3 8 Kt—B3

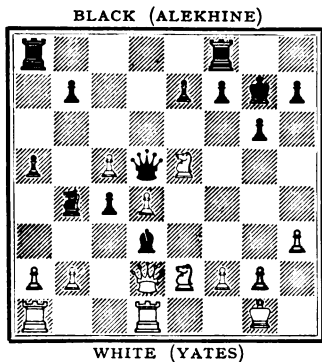
9 P—K R 3! · 9 Castles
10 Q—Q 2 10 P—Q 4

.....To fix White's Queen's Pawn for both offensive and defensive purposes; offensive, because he hopes later to break the centre by ... P—K 4; defensive, in order that after the impending exchange of Bishops, White may not be able (by P—Q 5) to open the long centre diagonal. But it involves exchanging his Knight after it has moved four times, with a White Bishop on the latter's first move—a serious loss of time for Black! Meanwhile he has no other promising line, thanks to White's judicious ninth move. On the whole, therefore, it would seem that his 5th, 6th and 7th moves were inadvisable.

11 P—B 5	11 Kt—B 5
12 B×Kt	12 P×B
13 Castles K R	13 Kt—Kt 5
14 B—R 6	14 B—B 4
15 B×B	15 K×B
16 Kt—K 2	16 B—Q 6
17 K R—Q 1	17 P—Q R 4
18 Kt—K 5!	18 Q—Q 4

.....Not 18..., P—B 3; 19 Kt—B 4, R—R 3; 20 P—B 6!

Position after 18..., Q—Q 4.



19 Q R—B 1!

A well-planned scheme for taking advantage of the fact that his own Rooks are in play whilst

Black's are not.

20 Kt—B 4	19 Kt×P
21 R×P!	20 Q×Q P
22 Kt×B	21 Q×K Kt
23 Kt—B 4	22 Q—R 4
24 R—Q 4!	23 Q—K 4

Not 24 R—K 1 because of 24..., K R—Q 1! White risks another Pawn in the hope of extracting further advantage from the fact that Black's Queen is his only piece effectively in play; for that reason Black prefers getting back with his Knight to taking the Pawn; and White then forces exchange of Knights (for it amounts to that) for still the same reason.

25 Kt—Q 5	24 Kt—Kt 5
	25 Kt×Kt

.....Not 25..., Kt—B 3; 26 R—K R 4! with 27 R—K 1 to follow.

26 R×Kt	26 Q—B 3
27 R—Q 7	27 K R—B 1
28 Q—K 3	28 Q×Kt P
29 R×K P	29 R—B 1

.....White's threat was 30 Q—B 3, recovering his other Pawn; for the same reason defence of his Knight's Pawn next move would be useless.

30 K R Q 7	30 Q—Kt 8 ch
31 K—R 2	31 P—R 5
32 R×Kt P	32 Q—B 4
33 R—R 7	33 Q—B 3

.....Necessary, to stop 34 Q—Q 4 ch, and 35 Q×P.

34 K—Kt 1

He wants to play Q—K 4 without having a Pawn *en prise*. Black realises that he would then have the inferior game, so forces a draw whilst there is yet time.

35 Q×P	34 P—R 6!
36 R×R	35 Q×R
37 Q×R	36 R×R
	37 Q×P

Drawn

GAME No. 5,712.

Four Knights Game (in effect).

WHITE
F. D. YATES

- 1 P—K 4
2 Kt—Q B 3
3 Kt—B 3
4 B—Kt 5
5 B—B 4

BLACK

P. JOHNER

- 1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K 4
3 Kt—B 3
4 Kt—Q 5

- 21 B×B

- 22 Q—R 5

- 23 P—K Kt 4

- 21 Kt×B

- 22 Kt—R 2!

Otherwise 23... Kt—B 3 and
24... Q×P.

- 24 R—K 1

- 25 R—K 3

- 26 R—Kt 1

- 23 Q—B 3

- 24 Q R—K 1

- 25 Q—Kt 3

It is impossible to regard this in combination with the next move as the best line at White's command; because after the 6th move on both sides the position is a *Giucoco Piano* one in which Black has gained a move upon White. Probably therefore 5 Castles, the line favoured by Schlechter is better.

- 6 P—Q 3
7 P—K R 3

M.C.O. marks as strongest
7 Kt—Q R 4.

- 8 B—Kt 3
9 Kt×Kt
10 Kt—K 2
11 Kt—Kt 3
12 Q—B 3
13 B—Kt 5
14 Castles K R
15 P—B 3
16 B—K 3
17 P—B 4

- 5 B—B 4
6 P—Q 3
7 B—K 3
8 P—B 3
9 B×Kt
10 B—Kt 3
11 Castles
12 Q—Q 2
13 B—Q 1
14 P—Q R 4
15 P—K R 3
16 P—B 4

Apparently to stave off ...
P—R 5, followed by ... P—B 5
and ... P—Q 4.

- 17 Kt—R 2

.....17... P—Q Kt 4, threatening 18... P—R 5 and 19... P×P, seems to the purpose.

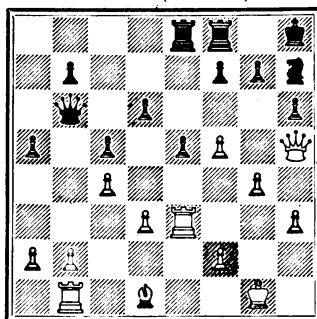
- 18 Kt—B 5
19 P×B
20 B—Q 1

- 18 B×Kt
19 B—Kt 4
20 K—R 1

.....The purpose of this is hard to divine. When, later, he makes a combination, it loses owing to this move having been made.

Position after 26 R—Kt 1.

BLACK (JOHNER)



WHITE (YATES)

- 26 P—K 5

..... An unsound combination.
The preparatory move of 26...
Q—B 2 seems called for.

- 27 P×P

- 27 R×P

.....He must have been very short of time to complete the 30th move, not to have discovered the flaw here. 29... Kt—B 3 is necessary but after 28 Q—R 4 he cannot advantageously play 28... Kt×P because of 29 B—R 4.

- 28 R×R
29 Q—R 4
30 Q—K 7

- 28 Kt—B 3
29 Kt×R

The fatality of Black's 20th move.

- 31 Q×Kt

- 30 Q—Q 1
Resigns

The following game was awarded the first brilliancy prize in the recent Metropolitan Chess League competition, New York. Score from the *Brooklyn Eagle*.

GAME NO. 5,713.

WHITE		BLACK		II Kt×Kt ch		II P×Kt	
E. A. SANTASIERE		E. B. ADAMS		If II..., Q×Kt; 12 P—		B5, P×P; 13 B—K Kt5, Q—	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	K3; 14 B×P, etc.			
2	P—K 3	2	P—K 3				
3	B—Q 3	3	Kt—K B 3	12	P—B 5	12	P×P
4	Kt—Q 2	4	B—Q 3	13	B×P	13	B×B
5	P—K B 4	5	Kt—B 3	14	R×B	14	K—R 1
6	P—B 3	6	Kt—K 2	15	Q—R 5	15	R—K Kt 1
7	Kt—R 3	7	Castles	16	Q×P ch	16	K×Q
8	Castles	8	B—Q 2	17	R—R 5 ch	17	K—Kt 2
9	P—K 4	9	P×P	18	B—R 6 ch	18	K—R 2
10	Kt×P	10	Kt—Kt 3	19	B—B 8 mate		

Games played in the Moscow tournament.

GAME NO. 5,714.

Réti's Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
R. RÉTI		P. ROMANOVSKY		R. RÉTI		P. ROMANOVSKY	
1	Kt—K B 3	1	Kt—K B 3	25	K—Kt 2	25	P—Q Kt 4
2	P—B 4	2	P—B 4	26	Q—B 1	26	Q×Q
3	P—K Kt 3	3	P—K 3	27	R×Q	27	P—Kt 5
4	B—Kt 2	4	B—K 2	28	R—B 4	28	K—B 1
5	Castles	5	Castles	29	K—B 3	29	R—B 1
6	P—Kt 3	6	Kt—B 3	30	P—K 3	30	B—B 6
7	B—Kt 2	7	P—Q 4	31	P—Q R 4	31	K—K 2
8	P×P	8	Kt×P	32	B—Q 5	32	R—B 2
9	Kt—B 3	9	B—B 3	33	R—R 4	33	P—R 3
10	R—B 1	10	Kt×Kt	34	K—K 4	34	K—B 3
11	B×Kt	11	P—K 4	35	R—R 5	35	R—Q 2
12	B—Kt 2	12	Q—Q 3	36	P—Kt 4	36	P—Kt 3
13	Kt—K 1	13	B—B 4	37	R×P!	37	K—Kt 4
14	P—Q 3	14	Q R—Q 1	38	R—R 7	38	K×P
15	Kt—B 2	15	P—Q Kt 3	39	B—K 6!	39	P×B
16	Kt—K 3	16	B—K 3	40	P×P!	40	R—Q 1
17	P—B 4	17	Kt—Q 5	41	R×P	41	K—Kt 4
18	P—B 5!	18	B—Kt 4	42	P—Kt 7	42	K—R 3
19	Kt—B 4	19	B×Kt	43	P—R 5	43	K—R 2
20	R×B	20	B—K 6 ch	44	P—R 6	44	R—Q 3
21	K—R 1	21	Q—R 3	45	P—R 4	45	B—K 8
22	B×Kt	22	R×B	46	P—R 5	46	B—R 5
23	R×R	23	B×R	47	P—R 6	Resigns	
24	B—K 4	24	K R—Q 1	A brilliancy prize was awarded to Réti			

GAME No. 5,715.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
P. ROMANOVSKI		C. TORRE		P. ROMANOVSKI		C. TORRE	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	17	B—R 4	17	P—Kt 4
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—Q B 3	18	P—K 5	18	P—Q 4
3	B—Kt 5	3	P—Q R 3	19	Kt×P	19	P×Kt
4	B—R 4	4	Kt—B 3	20	B×P	20	P—B 5
5	Castles	5	B—K 2	21	Q—K B 3	21	Kt—K 5
6	R—K 1	6	P—Q Kt 4	22	B×Q	22	Q R×B
7	B—Kt 3	7	Castles	23	R×Kt	23	P×R
8	P—Q R 4	8	P—Kt 5	24	Q—Kt 3 ch	24	B—Kt 2
9	P—Q 4	9	P—Q 3	25	B×P	25	R×P
10	P—R 3	10	Kt×Q P	26	R—K 1	26	R—Q 7 ?
11	Kt×Kt	11	P×Kt	27	B×P ch	27	K—B 1
12	Q×P	12	P—B 4	28	Q—B 4	28	P—K 6
13	Q—Q 3	13	B—Kt 2	29	R×P	29	R×R
14	Q Kt—Q 2	14	R—K 1	30	P×R	30	K—K 2
15	Kt—B 3	15	B—K B 1	31	Q×P ch		Resigns
16	B—Kt 5	16	P—R 3	The fourth brilliancy prize was awarded to White for this game.			

GAME No. 5,716.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
B. WERLINSKY		G. LÖWENFISCH		B. WERLINSKY		G. LÖWENFISCH	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	17	R×P	17	Kt×B
2	Kt—K B 3	2	Kt—K B 3	18	R×Kt	18	Kt—R 4
3	P—B 4	3	P—K 3	19	Q R—Kt 2	19	B—K 5
4	Kt—B 3	4	P×P	20	B—Q 5	20	B×B
5	P—K 3	5	P—Q R 3	21	R×B	21	Q—B 3
6	P—Q R 4	6	P—B 4	22	Q—Q 1	22	Kt—B 5
7	B×P	7	Kt—B 3	23	R—Kt 1	23	Q R—B 1
8	Castles	8	B—K 2	24	P—K 4	24	K R—K 1
9	P—Q 5	9	P×P	25	P—K 5	25	P—R 3
10	Kt×P	10	Castles	26	K—R 2	26	Q—B 2
11	Kt×B ch	11	Q×Kt	27	R—Q 7	27	Q—R 4
12	P—R 3	12	B—B 4	28	Q R—Kt 7	28	Kt×P
13	B—Q 2	13	Kt—K 5	29	Kt×Kt	29	R×Kt
14	Q—K 2	14	Q—B 3	30	R×P	30	R—Kt 4
15	K R—Q 1	15	Q×P	31	Q—Q 7		Resigns
16	Q R—Kt 1	16	Q—B 3				

GAME No. 5,717.

Queen's Gambit Declined (in effect).

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF		— GÖTTILF		E. D. BOGOLJUBOFF		— GÖTTILF	
1	Kt—K B 3	1	Kt—K B 3	7	Kt—K 5	7	Q Kt—Q 2
2	P—B 4	2	P—B 3	8	P—K Kt 4	8	B—Kt 3
3	P—Q 4	3	P—Q 4	9	P—K R 4	9	P—K R 3
4	P—K 3	4	B—B 4	10	Kt×B	10	P×Kt
5	P×P	5	P×P	11	B—Q 3	11	K—B 2
6	Kt—B 3	6	P—K 3	12	Q—B 2	12	Kt×P

13 B×P ch	13 K—Kt 1	22 K×B	22 P—K Kt 3
14 Kt×P 1	14 P×Kt	23 B—B 2	23 P—K Kt 4
15 Q—K B 5	15 B—Kt 5 ch	24 B—Kt 3	24 Q R—Q 1
16 K—K 2	16 Q—B 3	25 P×P	25 Kt×Kt P
17 Q×K Kt	17 Kt—B 1	26 R—R 5	26 K—Kt 3
18 B—Q 3	18 Kt—K 3	27 Q R—R 1	27 R—Q 3
19 Q—B 5 1	19 Q×Q	28 B—B 2 ch	28 K—Kt 2
20 B×Q	20 K—B 2	29 R—K Kt 1	29 R—Kt 3
21 B—Q 2	21 B×B	30 K—Q 1	Resigns

GAME No. 5,718.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
R. SPIELMANN		R. RÉTI		R. SPIELMANN		R. RÉTI	
1 P—K 4		1 P—K 4		16 P—B 4		16 P—B 4	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 Kt—Q B 3		17 P×P e.p.		17 P×P	
3 B—Kt 5		3 Kt—B 3		18 P—B 5 1		18 B—Q 3	
4 P—Q 4		4 P×P		19 B—B 4		19 Castles Q R	
5 P—K 5		5 Kt—K 5		20 B×B		20 R×B	
6 Castles		6 P—Q 4		21 R×R		21 P×R	
7 Kt×P		7 B—Q 2		22 R—Q 1		22 K—B 2	
8 B×Kt		8 P×B		23 Kt—B 4		23 B—Q 2	
9 P—K B 3		9 Kt—Kt 4		24 Kt—Q 5 ch		24 K—B 3	
10 P—K B 4		10 Kt—K 5		25 R—K 1		25 R—K 1	
11 Kt—Q 2		11 P—Q B 4		26 P—K Kt 4		26 R—K B 1	
12 Kt×Kt		12 P×Q Kt		27 R×P		27 P—K R 4	
13 Kt—K 2		13 B—R 5		28 P—K R 3		28 P×P	
14 P—Q Kt 3		14 Q×Q		29 P×P		29 P—R 4	
15 R×Q		15 B—B 3		30 R—K 7		Resigns	

GAME No. 5,719.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
B. WERLINSKY		Dr. E. LASKER		B. WERLINSKY		Dr. E. LASKER	
1 P—Q 4		1 P—Q 4		22 P—R 5		22 P—Q Kt 4	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 Kt—K B 3		23 B—Kt 2		23 B—B 1	
3 P—B 4		3 P—B 3		24 B—B 4		24 Q×R P	
4 Kt—B 3		4 P×P		25 P—Q 6		25 Q—Kt 3	
5 P—Q R 4		5 B—B 4		26 Kt—K 4		26 Kt×Kt	
6 P—K 3		6 Kt—R 3		27 P×Kt		27 B×P	
7 B×P		7 Kt—Kt 5		28 B×B		28 R×B	
8 Castles		8 P—K 3		29 R×R		29 Q×R	
9 Q—K 2		9 B—K 2		30 Q×P		30 Q×Q ch	
10 Kt—K 5		10 Castles		31 R×Q		31 R—Q 1	
11 P—K 4		11 B—Kt 3		32 R—B 3		32 R—Q 8 ch	
12 Kt×B		12 R P×Kt		33 B—B 1		33 R—K 8	
13 B—K 3		13 Q—R 4		34 R—B 8 ch		34 K—R 2	
14 K R—Q 1		14 Q R—Q 1		35 R—K 8		35 R—Kt 8	
15 P—B 3		15 P—B 4		36 R—K B 8		36 R×P	
16 P—Q 5		16 P×P		37 R×P		37 Kt—B 3	
17 P×P		17 P—Q R 3		38 R—B 8		38 P—R 4	
18 Q—K B 2		18 Q—B 2		39 P—R 4		39 P—R 5	
19 Q R—B 1		19 K R—K 1		40 B—R 3		40 Kt—Q 5	
20 P—K Kt 3		20 B—Q 3		41 R—Q R 8		41 Kt—K 7 ch	
21 B—B 1		21 P—Kt 3		Resigns			

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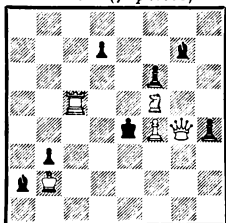
By B. G. LAWS.

All communications respecting problems must be addressed to Mr. B. G. Laws, 21 Nelson Road, Stroud Green, N.8.

SOLVING COMPETITION OVER THE BOARD.

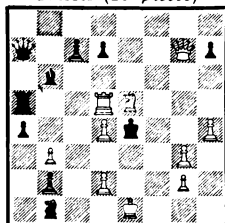
Mr. A. C. Challenger, one of our best composers, has always been alive to the interest which is likely to be created among chess-players in problems by alluring them to the attraction of solving problems in a sportive competition. He has organised several on these lines which have met with success. The last venture was held on 1st July last, when the four problems below were presented for solving at the Brixton Chess Club. The winners were : 1st, W. Gooding ; 2nd, H. G. Felce ; and 3rd, G. A. Felce, with A. Butcher *ex æquo*. The first three are well known as first-class players and it is hoped that they, with the other competitors will realize that in the problem is to be found charms which had before been underestimated. Our congratulations to Mr. Challenger !

By A. C. CHALLENGER.
BLACK (7 pieces)



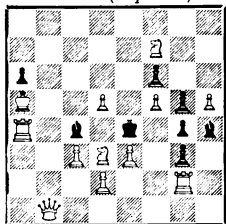
WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in three.

By B. G. LAWS.
BLACK (10 pieces)



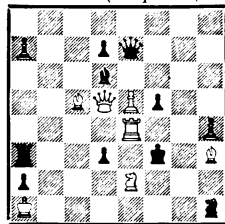
WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

By F. C. DIXON.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in two.

By the late
C. E. V. BERRY.
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

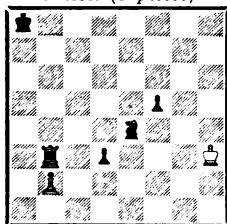
FAIRY CHESS.

There are two seasons in the year when excursions into the fantastic realm of chess are either welcomed or suffered as a change from investigations of rigidly exact formulas, namely the summer and Christmas time. At this particular period of the year, when lightness and spontaneity are refreshing, the three positions hereunder

may be enjoyed in sylvan atmosphere and surroundings. Some of our readers have expressed a desire to see more specimens of what has been termed the "Maximummer" problem. The innovation of restricting the defence to moves of the greatest stride has had the effect of producing some remarkably clever inventions, and we are indebted to Mr. T. R. Dawson for the accompanying selections. He calls them "Maximum-movers" and draws attention to the echo feature which can be introduced in the construction of this class of composition which is receiving serious attention from composers of eminence. The play in the first position (Pauly) is not echoed though we feel certain by a change in the disposition of the Black forces, this could be brought about, but in the second (Rohr) the mate is duplicated, and in the third (Dawson) it will be found the mate is triplicated.

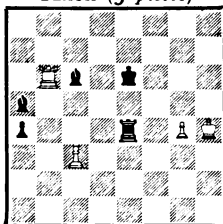
It should be mentioned that the extent of Black's move is ascertained by what is called, we believe, in the timber trade "string measurement," though probably not applied in quite the same way; thus it will be found that a longer alignment is made by a Bishop moving three squares away than a Rook moving four, and likewise a King, Queen or Pawn, taking one diagonal step goes further than alighting on the next square of different colour.

By W. PAULY.
Fata Morgana, 1922.
BLACK (6 pieces)



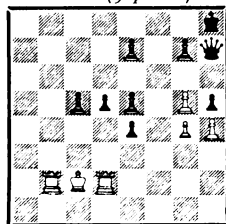
WHITE (1 piece)
White maxi-self mates
in three.

By Dr. H. ROHR.
Teplitz-Schon, 1924.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)
White maxi-self mates
in three.

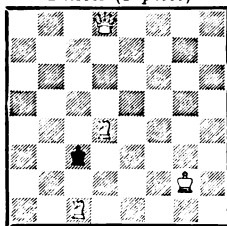
By T. R. DAWSON.
Eskilstunan Kuriren,
1924.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
White maxi-self mates
in three.

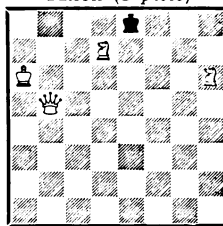
"SCHWALBE" TOURNEY, 1925-26. Prize Problems.

By J. GENTINER and
O. VOTRUBA.
BLACK (1 piece)



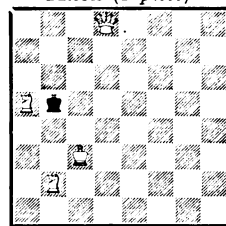
WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in three.

By R. SVOBODA.
BLACK (1 piece)



WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in three.

By R. SVOBODA.
BLACK (1 piece)



WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in two.

Mr. J. W. Wood in sending us the four-mover No. 2,578, says that the problem as a three-mover originally appeared in the *Morning Post*, 1911. He recently recognised that the idea should have been presented in four-move form. Certainly as a four-mover it is a very clever piece of work.

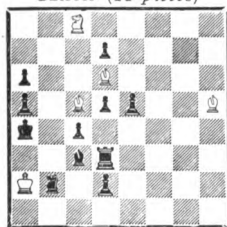
Mr. K. S. Howard has asked us to state that a Black Pawn should be added to his three-mover at K B 6 which we gave in June, page 297, otherwise 1 Q—K B 1 cooks it.

The smudge on the diagram (Black King's square) of Mr. W. A. Shinkman's problem must be taken as the Black King.

On page 340 (July) the headings over the problems by Mr. R. H. Bridgewater and Mr. C. S. Kipping, "First Prize" and "Prize for Mutate," were transposed by the printers.

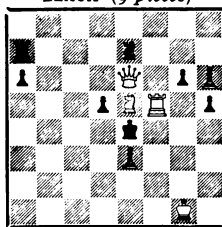
LIDOVÉ NOVINY TOURNEY, 1925.

First Prize.
By C. KAINER.
BLACK (11 pieces)



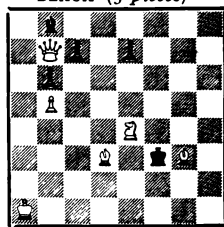
WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in four.

Second Prize.
By L. VETESNIK.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (4 pieces)
Mate in four.

Third Prize.
By F. HAVELKA.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in four.

"BABSONTASK" CONTEST.

It will be remembered in July we gave particulars of this competition. The theme named was one of great difficulty to master. The award of Messrs. A. C. White and R. E. Powers has been made. We have not space to give particulars this month—they are most interesting. Another competition on similar lines is announced.

"SAM LOYD UND SEINE SCHACHAUFGABEN."

Further instalments of this work have come to our hands and we recommend those who have not copies of Mr. A. C. White's English original *Sam Loyd and his Problems* (now out of print) to take this opportunity of securing this great work even though the text is in the German language. Address: Schachverlag Hans Hedewig's Nachf., Curt Ronniger, Leipzig.

BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The third number of the Society's paper, *The Problemist* was issued last month. Mr. Dawson the editor is making this publication most interesting, the original contributions being specially good. It is hoped that the Society will have its membership roll increased to enable a bi-monthly issue. The Rev. Noel Bonavia-Hunt, 96 Broadhurst Gardens, Hampstead, N.W.6, will be pleased to receive applications for membership.

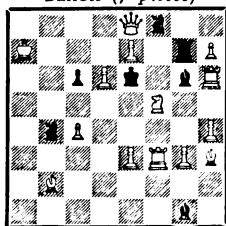
A committee meeting of the Society is to be convened for a date early next month to consider the programme for next season. Any member who has a suggestion to make is invited to do so.

TIDSCHRIFT VAN DEN NEDERLANDSCHEN SCHAKBOND TOURNEY, 1925.

*Two-movers.*First and Second Prize (*ex æquo*).

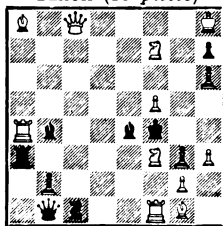
By H. WEENINK.

BLACK (7 pieces)

WHITE (14 pieces)
Mate in two.

By A. ELLERMAN.

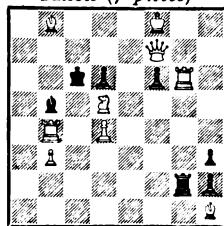
BLACK (10 pieces)

WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

First Hon. Mention.

By J. VAN DIJK and
J. HARTONG.

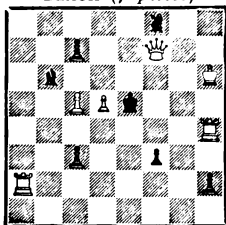
BLACK (7 pieces)

WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.*Three-movers.*

First Prize.

By J. RIETVELD.

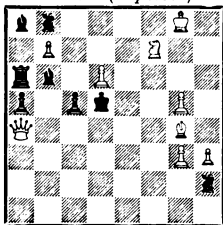
BLACK (7 pieces)

WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By S. CARDOZO.

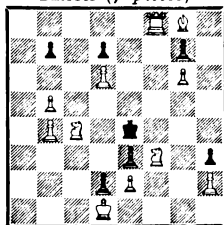
BLACK (8 pieces)

WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

First Hon. Mention.

By M. NIEMEYER.

BLACK (7 pieces)

WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (May) 2,563 to 2,566—(June) 2,567 to 2,570 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (300) 5-5-10-10 (330) 5-5-10-10 (360);
 ††A. T. Cannell (0) 5-5-10-10 (30) 5-5-10-10 (60); ** W. H. Cutland (45) 5-10-10-10 (80) 5-5-10-10 (110); J. W. Davis (295) 5-5-10-10 (325); *J. C. Derlien (345); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) (280) 5-5-10-10 (310) 5-5-10-10 (340); Rev. A. S. Dean (400) 5-5-10-10 (430); J. Espinosof (Barcelona) (70); G. Hilton (June) 5-5-10-10 (30); †Albert H. Haddy (120) 5-5-10-10 (150) 5-5-10-10 (180); W. M. Hay (June) 0-0-10-10 (20); N. N. Subramania Iyer (185) 5-5-10-10 (215) 5-5-10-10 (245); †† G. Stillingfleet Johnson (375) 5-10-10-10 (410) 5-5-10-10 (440); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (150) March and April, 60 (210) 5-5-10-10 (240); * Frederick Lee (515) 5-5-10-10 (545) 5-5-10-10 (575); ** J. A. Lewis (175) 5-5-10-10 (205) 5-5-10-10 (235); *Hubert Lees (New Zealand) (215) March 35 (250); T. N. R. Leistikow (285); * D. Murray (585) 5-5-10-10 (615) 5-5-10-10 (30); J. H. Murgatroyd (10) 5-5-0-0 (20) 5-5-10-10 (50); †Johannes Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (570) 5-5-10-10 (600) 5-5-0-10 (620); †A. Peacock (320) 5-5-10-10 (350) 5-5-10-10 (380); E. W. Punnett (410) April 10 (420) 5-10-10-10 (450) 5-0-10-10 (480); T. Rosenfield (510); G. V. Secthapathy Rau (Madras) (100) 5-5-10-10 (130); Rev. J. Schipper (500) April 30 (530) 5-5-10-10 (560); D. V. Sullivan (June) 5-5-10-10 (30); *"Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (65); R. G. Tyzack (430) 5-10-10-10 (465); A. C. Vaughan (575); Rev. E. Wells (470) 5-10-10-10 (505) 5-5-10-10 (535); W. A. Way (Malay States) (0) March 35 (35); H. A. Warwell (280) 5-5-10-10 (310) 0-5-10-10 (335); G. Wilton (55).

D. Murray, by reaching the high total for May, has secured his first success, whilst similarly Johannes Neilson has for the second time reached in June the highest score with 620 points.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,567, by F. G. Tucker.—1 Q—B 2. The movement of the pinned Pawn obstructing the two Bishops permitting the Queen mates at B 5 and K 4 is interesting.

No. 2,568, by S. S. Levman.—1 Q—K 4. A fairly easy key to find. The four self-block replies are quite nice. The construction might be better.

No. 2,569, by J. Vasta.—1 B—R 4, P—K 7; 2 Kt—Q 2 ch. If 1..., others; 2 B—Q Kt 5. Rather simple, but certainly uncommon. It is a little curious how the Black Pawn shuts off the Rook to permit the Knight to mate either at Q 2 or R 2.

No. 2,570, by Handley Rhodes.—1 Q—R 3, Kt—K 2; 2 Q×P ch. If 1..., Q Kt moves; 2 R—K 6 ch. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 P—K 4. If 1..., K×P; 2 Q—Q 3 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—R 3 ch. The key-move is comparatively easy to decide upon as K×P has to be watched. There are two bright lines, the others are not notable. A Black Pawn is needed at K R 2 to prevent Cook by 1 P—K 4.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 340).—1 Kt—B 6, P×Kt; 2 Q—K R 4. If 1., others; 2 Kt—R 5. A most ingenious composition. Though there are but two continuations these are exceedingly interesting, leading to three model mates.

By Dr. F. Rduch (p. 340).—1 Q—R 3, Kt—Kt 3; 2 Q—K 7. If 1., B—B 1; 2 R—B 4 ch. If 1., P—B 6; 2 Kt—K 6 ch. If 1., Q Kt moves; 2 Q—Kt 4 or B 5 ch accordingly. If 1., others; 2 R—Q 3 ch. See three-mover by B. G. Laws, page 341. Dr. Rduch has made much more use of the material, and the introduction of the Pawn model is clever.

By A. Mari (p. 340).—1 Kt—K 6, P—K 5 dis ch; 2 Q×Q ch. If 1., P—B 5 dis ch; 2 R×B dis ch. If 1., Kt moves dis ch; 2 R×R dis ch. If 1., R×Kt, etc.; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. An extraordinary problem, the checks and counterchecks being both puzzling and amusing. This entails a lot of capturing, only two of Black's men escape, which is rather a drawback.

By J. Hartong (p. 340).—1 B—K 4. A very nice key unpinning the Knight and leading to bright play and unexpected mates.

By R. H. Bridgwater (p. 340).—This received the prize for best mutate. 1 Q—Q 7. It does not at first seem likely that the mate after 1., K—B 4 has to be given up nor that after 1., P×P ch, and hence the solver may find some difficulty.

By C. S. Kipping (p. 340).—This was awarded first prize for three-movers; it is obviously not a mutate. The printers changed the headings of these two problems in this respect. 1 R—Q 3, R—B 3; 2 B—B 5. If 1., Kt—B 3; 2 B—Q Kt 4. If 1., R—R 5; 2 R×B ch. If 1., P—B 3; 2 Q—K 7 ch. The idea of enticing away a Black piece which has been played to obstruct White is a common device—here, however, we have both the Knight and Rook to deal with, accentuating the idea. In most cases of strategy of this kind mate is threatened on the move, but this seldom can be avoided.

By A. G. Stubb (p. 341).—1 P becomes B.

By W. A. Shinkman (p. 341).—The Black King has disappeared. Place him on his own square, then 1 P becomes B.

By B. G. Laws (p. 341).—1 Q—R 3, Kt—Kt 6; 2 Q—K 7. If 1., Kt×P; 2 R—K 4 ch. If 1., Kt—Kt 2; 2 B P×Kt.

By W. J. Wood (p. 341).—1 B×Kt, P×Kt P; 2 B—Kt 8, P×P (if 3., P—Q Kt 6 or K Kt 6; 3 K R—Q 4 ch, K—K 4; 4 K—K 7); 3 K—K 8, P—Kt 6; 4 K—B 7. If 1., P×B P; 2 B—Kt 8, P×P; 3 K—B 8, P—Kt 6; 4 K—Kt 7. If 1., K×B; 2 K×P, either P×P; 3 K—B 7, any; 4 K—Kt 6. If 1., P—Kt 6; 2 R×Q B P, P moves; 3 B—Kt 8. If we overlook the trenchant key-move, we shall find much to admire in an otherwise fine five-mover. The author has displayed exceptional skill in duplicating the Indian theme, adding a further continuation of merit and interest. There are several close shaves in the matter of duals which demonstrates painstaking analysis and care has been shown in producing this eminent problem.

By W. F. v. Holzhausen (p. 342).—1 R—Q 7, Q—Kt 8; 2 R—Q 3! This is given as a rather elementary illustration of the focal idea. The cutting off of the Queen's influence by the Rook returning to its original square is quite pretty.

By W. F. v. Holzhausen (p. 342).—1 Kt—Q 1, Q R—K B 4; 2 Q Kt—B 2 ch. If 1., K R—B 5; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch. If 1., others; 2 Kt—B 2 ch. In this case the Plachutta theme is doubled and is shown in simple form.

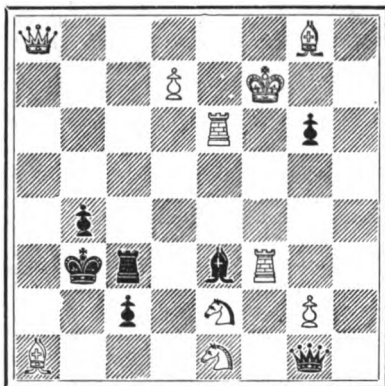
By W. F. v. Holzhausen (p. 342).—1 Q—K 4, Q—B 6; 2 Q—K 5 ch, P—B 4; 3 Q—B 7 ch. If 1., P—B 4; 2 Q×Q Kt×P (if 2., P—B 5 or ×Kt; 3 Q—Q 5 ch); 3 Q—Q Kt 3. If 1., Kt×P; 2 Kt—Q B 5. The Nowotny strategy is not powerfully illustrated in this problem as the Queen is played to the intersecting square of the Rook and Bishop by a check, but the two moves leading to this point are ingeniously schemed

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,575.

By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE
(London)

BLACK (7 pieces)



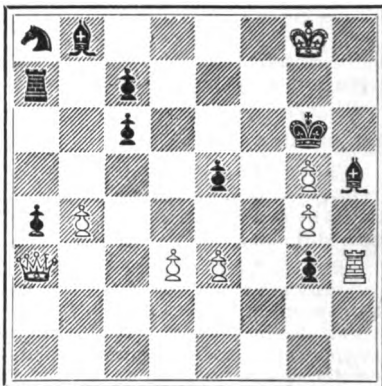
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,576.

By J. VASTA
(Picky, Czechoslovakia).

BLACK (10 pieces)



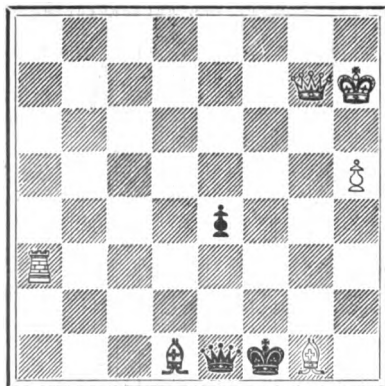
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,577.

By Dr. E. PALKOSKA
(Prague).

BLACK (3 pieces)



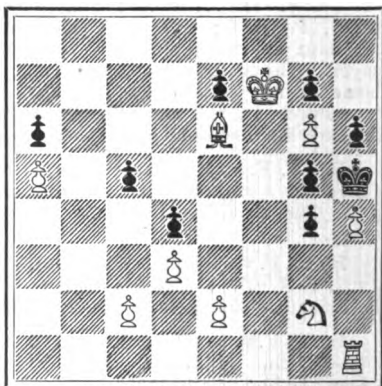
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,578.

By W. J. WOOD
(London).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in four moves.

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EDINBURGH CHESS CONGRESS.

This summer it fell to the lot of the Scottish Chess Association to act as host for the annual congress of the British Chess Federation, and Edinburgh, where the previous B.C.F. Congress in Scotland was held in 1920, was again selected as the venue.

In the absence of the usual civic welcome owing to the Esperanto Congress which was being held at the same time, Major Sir Richard Barnett declared the congress duly open in the splendid Albion Rooms in Queen Street. After a few words of welcome to the players from Mr. C. Wardhaugh, representing the Scottish Chess Association, play commenced punctually at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 2nd.

We are, as usual, giving a round by round account of the play in the British Championship, together with a summary of the play in the other tournaments.

In the absence of H. E. Atkins and Sir G. A. Thomas, F. D. Yates is expected to have no difficulty in regaining his title, his most dangerous rival being the present City of London Champion, R. P. Michell. It will be interesting to see how the challenge of the younger generation in M. E. Goldstein, C. R. Gurnhill, A. R. B. Thomas and G. S. A. Wheatcroft is met.

FIRST ROUND, Monday, August 2nd.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Gooding v. Heath ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Accepted.</i> ..	Drawn.
Goldstein v. Blake ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Drawn.
Uber v. Yates	<i>Irregular Opening</i>	Yates won.
Gurnhill v. Thomas ..	<i>French Defence</i>	Thomas won.
Saunders v. Wheatcroft	<i>King's Fianchetto Opening</i> ..	*Saunders won.
Michell v. Macdonald ..	<i>Three Knights' Game</i> ..	*Drawn.

* Adjourned.

Yates won the first game of the tournament, a happy augury for his subsequent success. Uber adopted Nimzovitch's system of development with 1 Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q Kt 3 and 3 P—K 3, etc., but the game later transposed into a symmetrical form of the Queen's Gambit Declined. Yates made the most of his superior development, and after beating off a premature King-side attack, gained a decisive advantage on the open Queen's Bishop file, winning a piece.

Gurnhill endeavoured to get up an attack in the Exchange variation of the French by sacrificing a Pawn, but Thomas found a satisfactory defence. In an abortive attempt to win at all costs Gurnhill gave up three more Pawns, but his plight was hopeless.

Heath tried one of his original ideas, but his attempt to hold the Gambit Pawn once again came to nought, and Gooding recovered

it with some advantage in position. Heath defended himself with some care, and reached an equal end-game with Q, Kt and 5 Pawns each. He then claimed a draw on the ground that the same position had arisen three times, and this claim was upheld.

The remaining three games were adjourned. Goldstein's game with Blake had interesting features, the latter opposing an advance of centre Pawns by pushing on with his majority of Queen-side Pawns. After steady play on both sides the ensuing Rook ending was drawn shortly after the resumption of play.

Saunders had some good fortune against Wheatcroft, for the latter got so good an opening that Saunders found it best to give up a Pawn to stem a strong King-side attack. Wheatcroft's game was still much to be preferred, but he made several weak moves running owing to clock trouble, and at the adjournment seemed to have a lost game.

Michell secured some advantage out of the opening and fastened on to a weak backward Queen's Rook's Pawn. He then brought about a Rook end-game in which he seemed to have winning chances, but by careful defensive play Macdonald contrived to find a drawing line after some six hours play.

SECOND ROUND, Tuesday, August 3rd.

	Opening.	Result.
Blake v. Gooding	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	Blake won.
Macdonald v. Heath	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Heath won.
Yates v. Goldstein	<i>French Defence</i>	*Goldstein won.
Thomas v. Uber	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Thomas won.
Wheatcroft v. Gurnhill	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	*Drawn.
Michell v. Saunders	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	Drawn.

* Adjourned.

Uber adopted a form of the fashionable Queen's Fianchetto Defence, but his Queen's Knight became badly posted on Q R 4, so that Thomas was able to force the win of a valuable centre Pawn. Uber secured some attack by giving up the Exchange, but Thomas soon scored his second win, and now leads the field with a score of 2.

Michell's game was simplified by an early exchange of Queens and he exerted strong pressure upon Saunders backward Queen's Bishop's Pawn on the open file. The latter's defence proved adequate, however, and shortly before time a draw was agreed.

Blake played a capital game against Gooding, whose Orthodox Defence left him a cramped and lifeless game. Black gave up a Pawn in an attempt to free himself, but Blake secured a very strong passed Pawn and later lured Gooding's King into a mating net on the King-side.

Goldstein secured equality in the middle game, but Yates made skilful use of his majority of Pawns on the Queen-side to establish a strong passed Pawn at Q B 6 in a Queen and Rook ending. After the adjournment there was a surprising result. Goldstein defended himself very carefully and reached a drawn position. Yates, however, in attempting to force a win, evolved an unsound combination by which he lost his advanced Pawn, and the simple Pawn ending resulting was hopeless for him.

Wheatcroft obtained a violent King-side attack and forced the win of the Exchange by the rapid advance of his King's Pawn to the seventh. However, he allowed Gurnhill chances on the Queen-side and the latter, by advancing his passed Queen's Bishop's Pawn to the seventh recovered the Exchange, and came out a Pawn ahead in a Rook ending. He did not make the most of it, and Wheatcroft was able to force a draw by perpetual check.

Heath played his usual Classical Defence and secured a favourable ending owing to his control of the open Queen-file and the weakness of White's Queen-side Pawns. At the adjournment he had reduced forces to Rook and 2 Pawns against Rook and 1 Pawn, but the extra Pawn won with little difficulty.

THIRD ROUND, Wednesday, August 4th.

	Opening.	Result.
Gooding v. Yates	Queen's Pawn Game	† Yates won.
Heath v. Blake	King's Knight's Gambit	Heath won.
Goldstein v. Thomas	Queen's Gambit Declined	* Drawn.
Uber v. Wheatcroft	Sicilian Defence	Drawn.
Gurnhill v. Michell	Ruy Lopez	* Michell won.
Macdonald v. Saunders	Ruy Lopez	† Saunders won.
* Adjourned.	† Adjourned twice.	‡ Adjourned five times.

Heath, enterprising as usual, adopted the King's Knight's Gambit. Blake gave up his Queen's Pawn and attempted to hold the Gambit Pawn on KB5 without success. After exchanging Queens, White was able to win this Pawn and so he came out a Pawn ahead in a simple Rook ending. From here on he relaxed and Blake, taking skilful advantage of his chances, succeeded in reducing the game to a draw. Unfortunately he neglected to recover the Pawn when he had the chance, and instead chose to win it back at a stage when Heath could secure the "opposition" in the ending with 2 Pawns each.

After the first adjournment Macdonald and Saunders had only exchanged one minor piece and two Pawns each. In the evening Saunders brought about further simplification in order to reach an end-game with Knight, Bishop and 5 Pawns each; but he had the better chances because his opponent's Pawns were on squares of the same colour as his Bishop. Black exploited this advantage skilfully, and at the second adjournment was in sight of a win.

Wheatcroft went astray in his Paulsen Defence, and Uber was able to take command of the game. He made an abortive attempt at a King-side attack, which came to nothing, and at the adjournment had only a very slight advantage on the Queen-side. A draw was agreed upon without resuming play.

Gurnhill secured a King-side attack against Michell, and missed one line of play which would have given him good winning chances. At the adjournment material was level but Gurnhill had a weak Pawn which could not be held. Playing with great accuracy, Michell soon put the issue beyond doubt.

Thomas got a free game at the expense of an isolated Queen's Pawn. He then gave up his Queen's Rook's Pawn to win the opposing King's Rook's Pawn but Goldstein found a satisfactory defence to

Thomas's attack. White then unwisely offered an exchange of Queens, which led to the immediate loss of a Pawn. He struggled hard for a draw in an end-game with Knight and 3 Pawns against Bishop and 4 Pawns, and as Thomas pushed his Pawns on a little too impetuously he had to be satisfied with an indecisive result. This left Thomas still at the head of the score equal with Heath and Saunders, all of whom had $2\frac{1}{2}$ points.

At the end of the morning session Yates, with a slight advantage in position, was unsuccessfully trying to find weak spots in Gooding's armour, and at the end of the second adjournment seemed no nearer the solution of his difficult task.

FOURTH ROUND, Thursday, August 5th.

		Opening.	Result.
Thomas v. Gooding	..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	.. †Gooding won.
Yates v. Heath	.. ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	.. Yates won.
Blake v. Macdonald	..	<i>Three Knights' Game</i>	.. Blake won.
Wheatcroft v. Goldstein	..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	.. Goldstein won.
Michell v. Uber	..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	.. Michell won.
Saunders v. Gurnhill	.. ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	.. *Saunders won.

* Adjourned. † Adjourned twice.

Blake's game opened 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5; 4 B—B 4, Castles; 5 Castles, Kt×P; 6 Kt×P, and here Macdonald made a fatal blunder, playing 6.., P—Q B 3?; 7 Kt×K B P, R×Kt; 8 B×R ch, K×B; 9 Kt×Kt. Black's game was hopeless, and he resigned before the adjournment.

Heath adopted the Classical Defence to the Lopez, but Yates seemed quite familiar with its intricacies. He gave Heath doubled Queen's Bishop's Pawns on the open Queen's Bishops' file, and set himself methodically to win one of them. This did not take very long, and the resulting end-game proved easy work for him.

Uber selected an unusual form of the Stonewall Defence, but unwisely moved K—Q 1 where it blocked his whole game. Nevertheless, he got up a threatening attack by the advance of his King's Knight's Pawn. Michell took things calmly and opened the Queen's Rook and Queen's Knight files with decisive effect, for Black's King proved far more vulnerable than White's.

Wheatcroft, by threatening a violent King-side attack, compelled Goldstein to weaken his King-side very considerably, but the latter although short of time defended himself coolly and won Wheatcroft's weak Pawn. White accelerated the end by an unsound sacrifice of the Exchange, but his game was gone in any case.

Thomas in attempting to win a Pawn lost a piece, but put up a very stout resistance, and at the end of the evening session had got Rook and two united passed Pawns against Rook, Bishop and Pawn. A win for Gooding seemed very difficult, and the game was adjourned until the week-end.

Saunders outplayed Gurnhill in the middle-game and won the Exchange. Gurnhill put up a desperate but unavailing resistance, and resigned shortly after the adjournment. Saunders then continued his end-game with Macdonald, soon winning a Pawn and the game.

He therefore took the lead with $3\frac{1}{2}$ out of 4, followed by Goldstein and Michell 3, and Thomas $2\frac{1}{2}$ with 1 adjourned, and Yates 2 with 1 adjourned.

FIFTH ROUND, Friday, August 6th.

Opening.		Result.
Gooding v. Wheatcroft	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Wheatcroft won.
Heath v. Thomas ..	<i>French Defence</i>	†Heath won.
Blake v. Yates ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Yates won.
Goldstein v. Michell ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	*Michell won.
Uber v. Saunders ..	<i>Petroff's Defence</i>	Saunders won.
Gurnhill v. Macdonald ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Macdonald won.

* Adjourned. † Adjourned twice.

There was an early catastrophe in this round, Uber on the 19th move losing his Queen to Saunders, who had given up two Pawns for an enterprising attack. White's game was much inferior when he made the mistake.

GAME No. 5,720.

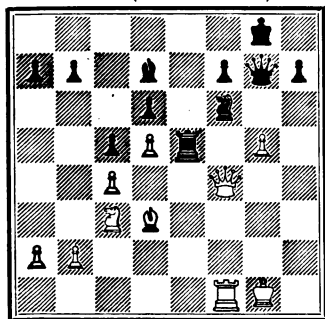
Petroff's Defence.

WHITE	BLACK	rapid development, probably soundly.	
H. B. UBER	H. SAUNDERS		
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	9 B×Kt	9 P×B
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—K B 3	10 R×P	10 P—Q B 4 !
3 P—Q 4	3 Kt×P	11 Q—K 2	11 B—B 3
4 B—Q 3	4 P—Q 4	12 P×P	
5 Kt×P	5 B—K 2	P—Q 5 would have been safer.	
6 Castles	6 Kt—Q B 3		12 B—Kt 2
7 Kt×Kt		13 R—K 3	13 B—Q 5
7 B—Q Kt 5 and if 7... B—Q 2 ;		14 P—B 3	14 B×R
8 Kt×B, Q×Kt ; 9 P—Q B 4 !		15 B×B	15 Q—Q 4
seems preferable.		16 Q—B 1	16 Q R—K 1
	7 P×Kt	17 Kt—R 3	17 R—K 3
8 R—K 1	8 Castles	18 Kt—B 2	18 R—K Kt 3
.....Sacrificing a Pawn for		19 Kt—K 1	19 B—R 3 !
		Resigns	

Gooding played the Four Pawns Advance against the King's

Fianchetto Defence, and secured a strong attack on the King-side. In the position diagrammed, Black has just played R (K1)—K 4 instead of Kt—R 4 ! which would have given him the better game. Gooding could now have secured a winning game by the pretty move 27 P—Kt 6 ! !, e.g. 27... Kt—R 4 ; 28 Q×P ch, etc. He actually played 27 R—B 2 ? , Q×P ch ; 28 R—Kt 2, Kt—Kt 5 ; 29 Q×Q, coming out a Pawn down in the end-game. There was some pretty play in the evening before Wheatcroft forced the win by going up a piece for two more Pawns.

BLACK (WHEATCROFT)



WHITE (GOODING)

Blake made an unfortunate oversight on his 11th move, losing a Pawn by a sheer blunder. He contrived to find some compensation in Yates' backward Queen's Bishop's Pawn, but the latter finally succeeded in reducing the game to an ending where he had three Pawns for the Exchange.

The struggle between two of the leaders, Goldstein and Michell, was the tit-bit of the round. Goldstein made a Queen-side advance which Michell countered with a threatening King-side attack. On the 24th move Goldstein played an inferior continuation which left him with a weak Pawn on K 5. Michell very skilfully secured a very strong direct attack against the King with Queen and two Rooks. White found a temporary defence at the cost of a Pawn, but after the adjournment could see nothing better than to lead into a lost Rook ending at the cost of another Pawn.

Macdonald adopted a very old form of the Berlin Defence, which yielded Gurnhill some positional advantage. Playing skilfully White increased this, but then lost a valuable move. He could perhaps still have drawn the end-game, but overlooked a very fine continuation by which Macdonald forced a win.

Heath sacrificed the Exchange against Thomas, and the latter returned it for what he hoped would be a superior end-game. It happened otherwise, however, and Heath, after missing a chance to win a piece, came out a Pawn ahead in an ending. This occasioned him unexpected difficulty, and at the end of the evening session he was still struggling to find the win.

At the end of this round Saunders still led with 4½ out of 5, followed by Michell 4, Goldstein 3 and Yates 3 with 1 adjourned.

SIXTH ROUND, Saturday, August 7th.

	<i>Opening.</i>				<i>Result.</i>
Michell v. Gooding ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i> ..	..	..	..	Michell won.
Wheatcroft v. Heath ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Accepted</i> ..	..	..	..	Wheatcroft won.
Thomas v. Blake ..	<i>Queen's Knight's Opening</i> ..	..	..	..	Blake won.
Macdonald v. Yates ..	<i>Giuoco Piano</i> ..	..	..	..	Yates won.
Saunders v. Goldstein ..	<i>Sicilian Defence</i> ..	..	..	..	*Goldstein won.
Gurnhill v. Uber ..	<i>Sicilian Defence</i> ..	..	..	..	*Uber won.
* Adjourned.					

The sixth round was the most interesting of all up to the present, and all the games were of more than usual interest.

Pride of place must be given to Wheatcroft's brilliant effort against Heath. The young Oxonian had the splendid idea of giving up a whole Rook to prevent one defensive resource of his opponent, and secured a very strong King-side attack. It is true that Heath did not make the best defence, but analysis has failed to disprove the sacrifice, and in practical play under the influence of the time-limit it was perfectly justifiable. We give the whole game in the Games Section in the present number.

Yates very quickly accounted for Macdonald, who made a serious mistake on his 9th move, which enabled Black to finish smartly. The game speaks for itself.

GAME NO. 5,721.

Giuoco Piano.

WHITE	BLACK	attack, via K 2 and Kt 3.	
Dr. R. C. MACDONALD	F. D. YATES		
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	14 B×Kt	13 Castles K R
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	15 R—K Kt 1	14 P×B
3 B—B 4	3 Kt—B 3	16 Kt—B 5	15 K—R 1
4 P—Q 3	4 B—B 4		
5 Kt—B 3	5 P—Q 3	Loss of time.	
6 B—K 3	6 B—Kt 3		
7 Castles	7 B—Kt 5	17 Kt—K 3	16 P—Kt 3
8 B×B		18 P—Q R 3	17 Q—K 3
Preparing the following error		19 Q—Q 2	18 P—K B 4
of position-judgment.		20 P×P	19 Kt—R 6
	8 R P×B	21 R—Kt 2	20 P×P
9 Kt—K 2	9 B×Kt!	22 R—K 1	21 R—K Kt 1!
.....White has no compensa-		23 Kt×R	22 R×R
tion for his broken King-side, as		24 P—K B 4	23 R—K Kt 1
he will not be permitted to play			
P—K B 4.		There is no reply to the threat	
10 P×B	10 Kt—K R 4	24... Q—Kt 3; 25 Kt moves,	
11 K—R 1	11 Q—B 3	R—Kt 8 ch.	
12 Kt—Kt 3	12 Kt—B 5	25 P—K B 3	24 Q—Q 4
13 B—Kt 5		Resigns	25 Q×B P

To prevent Black's Queen's Knight from assisting in the

White must lose his Queen after Kt—B 7 ch.

Gooding secured an equal middle-game against Michell, but on his 22nd move made a futile Queen move which cost him a valuable tempo, and from the 26th move onwards Michell concluded the game in most workmanlike style, giving his opponent not a moment's respite.

GAME NO. 5,722.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK		
R. P. MICHELL	W. GOODING		
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	16 Kt—B 3	16 Q R—K 1
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	17 P—K 5	17 P—Q 4
3 B—Kt 5	3 Kt—B 3	18 P—Q Kt 3	18 Kt—B 1
4 Castles	4 P—Q 3	19 Kt—K R 4	
5 P—Q 4	5 B—Q 2	Loss of time.	
6 Kt—B 3	6 B—K 2	20 Kt—B 3	19 Q—Kt 5!
7 R—K 1	7 P×P	21 P—K R 3	20 Kt—Kt 3
8 Kt×P	8 Castles		
9 B×Kt	9 P×B	Fearing 21... Q—Kt 5 in conjunction with Kt—B 5.	
10 Q—Q 3	10 R—K 1		
11 B—Kt 5	11 P—K R 3	22 Kt—Q R 4	21 K—R 1
12 B—R 4	12 Kt—R 2		22 Q—K B 5
13 B×B	13 R×B	Also loss of time.	
14 R—K 3	14 Q—Kt 1	23 P—Kt 3	23 Q—Q Kt 5
15 Q R—K 1	15 Q—Kt 3	24 K—Kt 2	24 R—K 3
.....Both sides are playing on		25 P—B 3	25 Q—R 6
the lines of one of the famous		26 Q—Q 4!	26 Q×R P
Capablanca-Lasker match-games		27 Kt—B 5	27 R (K 3)—K 2
of 1921.		28 Kt×B	28 R×Kt

29 P-K 6!	29 P×P	There was a mate
30 R×P	30 R×R	threatened by 34 Kt-Kt 5 ch!
31 R×R	31 R-Q 3	34 Q-R 5
.....If 31... K-R 2; 32	32 Q-B 5!	34 R-Kt 3
Q-Q 3; or if 31... Kt moves;	35 Q×P	35 Q×P
32 R×P ch.	36 P-R 4	36 P-Q 5
32 R-K 8 ch	32 K-R 2	37 P-R 5
33 Q-K Kt 4	33 Kt-R 1	37 P×P
	39 R-K 6	38 P×R ch
		38 Kt×P
		Resigns

Thomas, in an attempt to get away from "the books," adopted the unusual Queen's Knight's Opening. The game ran 1 Kt-Q B 3, P-Q 4; 2 P-Q 4, Kt-K B 3; 3 B-Kt 5, Q Kt-Q 2; 4 P-B 3, P-B 3; 5 P-K 3 (5 P-K 4 is more enterprising), P-K Kt 3; 6 K Kt-K 2, B-Kt 2; 7 P-K R 4, P-K R 3; 8 B-B 4, Kt-R 4; 9 Q-Q 2, Kt×B; 10 P×Kt, Kt-Kt 3. Blake soon won the weak Queen's Pawn, and handling the end-game very well he gained further material, to win on the 44th move.

Saunders shut in Goldstein's Rook completely, but the latter was in no danger, as the sequel showed, and secured a very powerful passed Pawn. Saunders put up a hard fight, and the game came down to Rook against Rook, Bishop and Rook's Pawn of the wrong colour before Goldstein won.

GAME NO. 5,723.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE	BLACK	than sufficient compensation.
H. SAUNDERS	M. E. GOLDSTEIN	
1 P-K 4	1 P-Q B 4	21 Kt×B
2 Kt-K B 3	2 P-K 3	22 Q×B
3 P-Q 4	3 P×P	23 P-Q 4
4 Kt×P	4 Kt-K B 3	24 P-Q 5!
5 Kt-Q B 3	5 P-Q 3	Black has now a winning
6 B-K 2	6 B-K 2	Pawn-centre after the advance of
7 B-B 3	7 Castles	the K P.
8 Castles	8 P-Q R 3	25 R-K 2
9 B-K 3	9 Q-B 2	25 B-Q 3
10 R-B 1	10 Kt-B 3	26 Q-R-K 1
11 Kt×Kt	11 P×Kt	27 Q-Q 3
12 Kt-R 4	12 R-Kt 1	27 B-Kt 1
13 P-B 4	13 P-B 4	28 R-K 4
14 Q-B 2	14 B-Q 2	29 P-Kt 4
15 Kt-B 3	15 R-Kt 5	After 29 R-R 4, Q-Kt 3!
16 P-Q Kt 3	16 K R-Kt 1	Black enforces P-B 4 and P-
17 R-Kt 1		K 5 with decisive effect.
White could have played 17		29 Q-K Kt 3
Kt-Kt 5! and if P×Kt; 18		30 P-B 4
P-Q R 3.		31 Q×P
17 B-B 3		32 R×P
18 K R-Q 1	18 P-Q R 4	33 Q×R ch
19 P-Q R 4	19 Q-Kt 2	34 Q-B 5
20 Kt-Kt 5	20 Kt×P	35 R-K B 1
21 B-Q 2		36 Q-B 4
Reckoning that as Black's Rook		37 P-K 5
will be completely cut off White		38 Q×Q
will be able to get up a strong		39 R×P ch
attack on the King-side. He		40 R-B 1
could win the Exchange for a		41 B×P
Pawn by B-B 1 and B-R 3;		42 P-Kt 4
but Black's two Bishops and		43 P-Kt 5
strong Pawn centre would be more		44 P×Kt
		45 K-B 2
		46 B-K 4
		and Black won eventually.

Uber adopted the Paulsen Variation of the Sicilian, and withstood all Gurnhill's attempts at attack, winning the Exchange and a Pawn into the bargain. White's case seemed hopeless at the adjournment, and he resigned soon after.

In the afternoon and evening Yates and Gooding had two more attempts to finish their adjourned game from the third round. Yates had a passed Pawn on the Queen-side and was threatening at the same time a break-up on the King-side. Both players had a Queen and 2 Rooks each, and after 104 moves had been played the game was again adjourned.

Saunders was deposed from the lead as a result of his loss to Goldstein, and the chief scores after the first week are :— Michell 5, Saunders 4½, Yates 4 (1 adjourned), Goldstein 4, Blake 3½. Then follow Wheatcroft 3, Thomas 2½ (2 adjourned), Heath 2½ (1 adjourned), and after an interval of 1 point, Macdonald and Uber 1½, Gooding ½ with 2 adjourned and Gurnhill ½.

It seems probable that either Yates or Michell, who are paired against one another in the 9th round, will be the winner, for Saunders has still to play Gooding, Heath, Blake, Yates and Thomas. Should the leaders falter, Goldstein has a possible chance, having played all the stronger players during the first six rounds.

SEVENTH ROUND, Monday, August 9th.

		<i>Opening.</i>		<i>Result.</i>
Gooding v. Saunders	..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	*Gooding won.
Heath v. Michell	..	<i>King's Knights' Gambit</i>	..	*Michell won.
Blake v. Wheatcroft	..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	Blake won.
Yates v. Thomas	..	<i>Four Knights' Game</i>	..	Yates won.
Goldstein v. Gurnhill	..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	..	†Gurnhill won.
Macdonald v. Uber	..	<i>Sicilian Defence</i>	..	Macdonald won.

* Adjourned. † Adjourned twice.

Yates quickly added another victim to his bag, Thomas falling a prey to his energetic attacking style. Thomas adopted an old-fashioned line which gives Black several chances, but Yates knew too much about it.

GAME NO. 5,724.

Four Knights' Game.

WHITE		BLACK			
F. D. YATES	A. R. B. THOMAS	11	B—K B 4	10	B—K 2
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	11	B—B 3	11	B—B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—K B 3	12	Q—Q 2	12	P—Q R 3
3 Kt—B 3	3 Kt—B 3	13	B—Q 3	13	P—Q 3
4 B—Kt 5	4 B—B 4	14	Q R—K 1	14	Kt—K 2
5 Castles	5 Castles	15	B—K Kt 5	15	B×B
6 Kt×P	6 R—K 1	16	Q×B	White has now a winning attack.	
7 Kt—B 3	7 Kt×P			16	B—Q 2
8 P—Q 4	8 Kt×Kt	17	Q—R 5	17	P—K B 4
9 P×Kt	9 B—B 1	18	Kt—Kt 5	18	P—R 3
.....If 9., B—K 2 White		19	Q—B 7 ch	19	K—R 1
secures a small advantage by		20	Kt—K 6	20	B×Kt
10 P—Q 5, Kt—Kt 1; 11 B—		21	R×B	Resigns	
K B 4.				Black has no move at	
10 B—Kt 5!				all! If 21., Kt—B 3 or Kt 1;	
A strong move.				22 Q×K B P; and if he does	
				nothing White plays 22 K R—K 1.	

Blake gained the next success. Wheatcroft made a slight error of judgment on his 6th move, which enabled Blake to form a strong centre, and subsequently to secure a winning passed Queen's Bishop's Pawn. Black resigned on his 30th move, as he could not avoid ruinous loss.

GAME No. 5,725.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK			
J. H. BLAKE	G. S. A. WHEATCROFT			10 B—B 4	10 Kt—B 3
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3			11 Q—K 2	11 Kt—R 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K Kt 3			12 B—K 3	12 B—K 3
3 P—K Kt 3	3 B—Kt 2			13 K R—Q 1	13 Kt—Q B 5
4 B—Kt 2	4 P—B 3			14 Kt—K Kt 5	14 Kt×B
5 Kt—Q B 3				15 Kt×B	15 Q—B 1
Many authorities recommend				16 Q×Kt	16 Q×Kt
5 P—Q 5!				17 P—Q 5	17 Q—B 1
	5 P—Q 4			18 P×P	18 P×P
6 P×P	6 Kt×P			19 Q R—B 1	19 Kt—B 3
.....6., P×P was the				20 Kt—Q 5	20 Kt×Kt
simplest way to equalise, whereas				21 P×Kt	21 B×P
the text-move exposes him to				22 R—B 2	22 B—B 3
many dangers.				23 P×P	
7 Kt—B 3	7 Castles			This Pawn wins the game in a	
8 Castles	8 Kt—Q 2			few moves.	
9 P—K 4	9 Kt (Q 4)—Kt 3			23 R—Q 1	
.....9., Kt×Kt; 10 P×Kt,				24 R—Kt 1	
P—Q B 4 is more in keeping with				25 R×R	24 R—Kt 1
the principles of the Grünfeld				26 P—B 7	25 Q×R
defence. Now White is left with				27 B—B 1	26 R—Q 8 ch
a very strong centre.				28 K—Kt 2	27 Q—Q B 1
				29 B—K 2	28 K—Kt 2
				30 Q×R P	29 R—Q 3
					Resigns

Macdonald played the enterprising Wing Gambit, which was much in favour at this congress, for several of the Major Open players also adopted it. He did not succeed in getting much attack for it, and Uber was left with a winning majority of Pawns on the Queen-side. He made an unfortunate slip, moving his Rook to the wrong square, and this enabled Macdonald to open the diagonal for his Queen's Bishop and wind up with a neat Mate in three.

Michell succeeded in holding the Gambit Pawn, and ultimately reduced the game to a simple ending, which he brought to a successful conclusion at the evening session.

Saunders suffered another loss, this time to Gooding, who gained his first success. White obtained a strong chain of Queen-side Pawns and gradually wore down all resistance. At the adjournment Saunders had been forced to give up two Pawns, and he did not get much counter-attack for them.

Goldstein played the opening indifferently, and Gurnhill built up a powerful King-side attack with Rook and Queen on the King's Knight file, and a Knight at K B 5. He did not make the most of it, but Goldstein, being very short of time, sacrificed the Exchange, fearing an attack which was not there. At the adjournment he had

2 Pawns for the Exchange, but was bound to lose one. White subsequently made a hard but unavailing fight for a draw, assisted by weak play by his opponent. At the second adjournment Gurnhill had Rook and Queen's Rook's Pawn v. Knight and Queen's Knight's Pawn, and won on the 74th move.

Michell now led with 6, followed by Yates 5 and 1 adjourned, Blake and Saunders 4½.

EIGHTH ROUND, Tuesday, August 10th.

	<i>Opening.</i>				<i>Result.</i>
Gurnhill v. Gooding ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	..	..	..	Gurnhill won.
Saunders v. Heath ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	..	..	..	*Saunders won.
Michell v. Blake ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	..	..	Michell won.
Wheatcroft v. Yates ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	..	..	*Yates won.
Thomas v. Macdonald ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	..	..	*Macdonald won.
Uber v. Goldstein ..	<i>Irregular Defence</i>	..	..	..	Goldstein won.
	* Adjourned.				

The principal game of the round was Michell v. Blake. The latter who played the 1., Kt—K B 3; 2., P—K 3 and 3., B—Kt 5 Defence, got his King's Bishop cut off at Q R 4, and Michell was ultimately enabled to break through on the Queen-side and win a Pawn. Blake had no chances of any counter, and the extra Pawn won very quickly.

Gurnhill's game with Gooding, a Berlin Defence, was for a long time perfectly level. Gooding, however, made a slip, and was soon struggling in a lost ending two Pawns to the bad.

Uber's game was another tragedy for him. By a very pretty Pawn sacrifice he opened the King's Rook and King's Knight's files upon his opponent's Castled King. With this attack he emerged two Pawns to the good with a won game, but relaxed and lost a piece owing to a mating threat. He then exceeded his time-limit, but his game was lost at that stage.

Saunders sacrificed a Pawn in the opening for a strong positional attack, and soon recovered his material with 100 per cent. interest, emerging into the end-game a Pawn ahead. Heath put up a stubborn resistance, and Saunders did not win until the evening session was far advanced.

Macdonald played an old form of the Tchigorin Defence, developing his Queen's Bishop on K B 4. Thomas secured the superior middle-game and won two Pawns, but allowed Macdonald to get up a counter-attack. On the resumption of play Thomas ran very short of time in an endeavour to evade his opponent's numerous threats, and lost speedily.

Yates played the Queen's Fianchetto Defence once again, and Wheatcroft sacrificed a Pawn to get some positional advantage. This did not turn out quite as he hoped, and in the evening the weight of the extra Pawn told in favour of Yates.

This afternoon Yates at last finished his famous adjourned game with Gooding. Yesterday the game had been continued for two more sittings, and Yates, by continual threats of breaking through on either the King-side or Queen-side, had succeeded in forcing an exchange

of Queen's with a winning Rook end-game in view. To-day he found no difficulty in winning. Despite its great length the game is a very interesting example of positional play, and Yates deserves credit for finding the win at long last. The game is not by any means a record for the British Championship, for at Cheltenham in 1913 a game between D. Miller and H. B. Uber ran to 168 moves and 18½ hours' play before the former won, whereas the Yates-Gooding game only ran to 146 moves, lasting a mere 14¼ hours.

The leading scores are now Michell and Yates 7 each, to play each other in the next round, Saunders 5½, Goldstein 5, Blake 4½.

NINTH ROUND, Wednesday, August 11th.

<i>Opening.</i>			<i>Result.</i>
Gooding v. Uber	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	†Uber won.	
Heath v. Gurnhill	<i>Kieseritski Gambit</i>	Gurnhill won.	
Blake v. Saunders	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	Blake won.	
Yates v. Michell	<i>French Defence</i>	Yates won.	
Thomas v. Wheatcroft ..	<i>Sicilian Defence</i>	Drawn.	
Goldstein v. Macdonald ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Goldstein won.	
* Adjourned. † Adjourned twice.			

Saunders, who adopted the Cambridge Springs Defence, went quite astray and allowed his opponent to get up a winning attack on the King-side. He only hastened the inevitable by his blunder on the 19th move.

Heath played the Kieseritski, and it must be many years since this enterprising Gambit was last played in the British championship, if ever. Although Gurnhill did not play the theoretical line he secured a satisfactory game and Heath miscalculated some exchanges by which he lost a piece by force on his 18th move.

The vital game between Yates and Michell attracted a large circle of onlookers, for it was virtually certain that the winner would be the new British champion. Michell was evidently imbued with the importance of the occasion, for he adopted the drawish variation of the French, 1 P—K 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 5; 4 P×P, P×P. He manœuvred his Knights rather unhappily, and allowed Yates to build up a strong attacking position. Michell decided that his best chance was to give up a Pawn to bring about an end-game with Bishops of opposite colour and very good drawing chances. Yates later on gave up his extra Pawn to secure a winning chance with his passed Kings' Knight's Pawn, as there were Rook, Knight and Bishop each still on the board. Michell in his anxiety to challenge position of the open King's Rook file made an elementary blunder losing a Rook, but at that stage his game was probably lost.

Thomas played the Wing Gambit, and puzzled his head to find compensation for the Pawn sacrificed. He did later on secure some attack by the sacrifice of a second Pawn, but appeared to miss his way. Ultimately Wheatcroft returned the two Pawns to secure an ending with equal forces, and a draw was agreed.

Uber again perplexed his opponent by his Stonewall Defence, but Gooding gradually secured a small advantage in position. At the

first adjournment Uber had given up the Exchange, but his Knight was forking Queen and both Rooks, so that the chances seemed roughly equal. In the evening an end-game ensued wherein each side had Rook and 3 Pawns. Uber had 3 united passed Pawns on the Queen-side, whereas Gooding had two far advanced centre Pawns. He should have had no difficulty in forcing one of them home to Queen, but in clock trouble moved the wrong Pawn. This enabled Uber to sacrifice his Rook for the two Pawns, after which his 3 passed Pawns won easily against the Rook shortly after the second adjournment.

Macdonald adopted the closer form of the Tchigorin Defence, and got a terribly cramped game against Goldstein, who gave him no chance to free himself. In an attempt to achieve the impossible Black lost a Pawn and subsequently another Pawn. The game was adjourned, but was not resumed until Friday evening.

With two rounds to go the leading scores were : Yates 8, Michell 7, Blake and Saunders 5½, and Goldstein 5 with 1 adjourned.

TENTH ROUND, Thursday, August 11th.

	Opening.	Result
Goldstein v Gooding ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	* Drawn.
Uber v. Heath	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	† Uber won.
Gurnhill v. Blake ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	* Gurnhill won.
Saunders v. Yates ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Drawn.
Michell v. Thomas ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Thomas won.
Macdonald v. Wheatcroft	<i>Sicilian Defence</i>	Wheatcroft won.
	* Adjourned. † Adjourned twice.	

There was another early sensation in this round, for Michell as first player in a Queen's Gambit Defence actually lost in 20 moves ! He incautiously accepted a Pawn which Thomas offered him, and this resulted in a broken King-side to start with. Thomas finished the game very neatly.

GAME NO. 5,726.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK	
R. P. MICHELL	A. R. B. THOMAS	13 B×Kt
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3	Goldstein in the third round
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3	against Thomas played 13 Kt×
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P—Q 4	Kt, Q×Kt; 14 B×Kt, P×B;
4 B—Kt 5	4 B—K 2	15 Kt—B 3, B—K 3; 16 Castles,
5 P—K 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2	Q R—B 1; 17 Q—R 4, R—B 5!
6 Kt—B 3	6 Castles	18 Q×P, R—K R 5; 19 P—B 4
7 R—B 1	7 P—B 3	(if 19 P—K Kt 3, Q—R 4! wins),
8 B—Q 3	8 P×P	Q—R 4; 20 R—B 3, R×P;
9 B×P	9 Kt—Q 4	21 K—B 2 with a satisfactory
10 B×B	10 Q×B	game.
11 Kt—K 4	11 P—K 4	13 P×B
		14 B—Kt 5
		15 Q—Q 3
		16 Castles
		17 Q—R—Q 1
		17 Q—R 3
		18 B×Kt
		19 P—K Kt 4!
		20 Kt—Kt 2
		20 R—Q 7!
		Resigns
		A drastic finish!
12 P×P	12 Kt×P	

.....A new move introduced with success by Colle at the recent Budapest tournament. It gives Black good chances of King-side attack should White play to win the centre Pawn.

Yates secured a small positional advantage as second player to Saunders' Lopez, and in other circumstances he would doubtless have continued playing, but here, owing to Michell's unexpected reverse, a draw was sufficient to give him the championship, and this result was agreed upon just before lunch time.

Macdonald secured a threatening King-side attack, but his sacrifice of a Pawn did not have the desired effect, and Wheatcroft playing in good style gradually got the upper hand. After forcing the win of a Bishop he concluded in elegant style.

Goldstein again embarked on Queen-side operations which Gooding countered with a direct King-side attack. After some positional finessing Goldstein exchanged Queens to bring about an end-game, but Gooding demonstrated that if anything the advantage lay with him. After the adjournment Rooks were exchanged and an ending Knight and 4 Pawns each was agreed a draw, neither side caring to risk playing for a win. The game was very interesting in all its phases.

Uber secured a Pawn ahead in an end-game with Bishop against Knight, but as the position was blocked it was difficult to exploit his surplus material. Just before the second adjournment he succeeded in resolving the deadlock, and appeared to have a straightforward win.

Blake secured a perfectly equal middle-game with his 3.., P—Q R 3; 4.., Kt—B 3 and 5.., B—B 4 defence to the Lopez, but after his opponent had declined a draw, Blake made a slip, losing the Exchange at once. He made a fight for a draw with Bishop and 3 Pawns against Rook and 3 Pawns, but the end was inevitable.

ELEVENTH AND FINAL ROUND, Friday, August 13th.

		<i>Opening.</i>		<i>Result.</i>	
Gooding v. Macdonald ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i> ..	..	..	*Drawn.	
Heath v. Goldstein ..	<i>French Defence</i> ..	..	..	Heath won.	
Blake v. Uber ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	..	..	Blake won.	
Yates v. Gurnhill ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i> ..	..	..	Yates won.	
Thomas v. Saunders ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	..	..	*Thomas won.	
Wheatcroft v. Michell ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	..	..	Drawn.	

* Adjourned.

Although Yates was certain of the first prize, four other players were interested in the remaining three prizes. Michell had 7 points, Saunders 6, Goldstein $5\frac{1}{2}$ with an adjourned game which was a probable win, and Blake $5\frac{1}{2}$.

First Goldstein consumed 40 minutes over his first 8 moves in order to secure a minute positional advantage. The natural result was that he ran very short of time and made a blunder costing the Exchange. Heath concluded the game in forcible style. This settled Goldstein's chance of sharing second prize.

Next Michell, who had won a Pawn in a position where it seemed unlikely that he could secure a win, agreed to a draw, as this left him undisputed second prize-winner.

The veteran Blake, seizing his opportunity, secured a withering King-side attack against Uber, who also played the Cambridge

Springs Defence. Playing with youthful *élan*, Blake forced a win in 37 moves, and thus made certain of at least tying for fourth place, with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Saunders played the Orthodox Defence, and at one time seemed to have a slight advantage, but several Pawn weaknesses told against him, and at the adjournment Thomas was 2 Pawns ahead with Rook and Knight on the board. In the afternoon Saunders made a desperate fight for a draw, but after coming near it on several occasions, ultimately lost, thus ruling himself out of the prize-list at the twelfth hour.

Macdonald gave up a Pawn in the opening, but later recovered it, and an equal Rook end-game resulted. Gooding, anxious to improve his score, made many attempts to win, and the game came down to Rook and Pawn *v.* Rook. Macdonald, who was not very familiar with the Philidorian drawing position, more than once jeopardised the draw, but finally after over 100 moves were played he secured his $\frac{1}{2}$ -point. This was Gooding's second game of over a century in moves during the Congress.

Yates adopted the unusual Duras variation of the Lopez against Gurnhill, and secured the better game. He won a Pawn but had to leave his opponent with two Bishops against two Knights. Subsequently Yates won his opponent's Queen for Rook and Knight, and the end was not long delayed.

In the evening Goldstein and Macdonald continued their adjourned game from Wednesday. The former, who was 2 Pawns ahead in an end-game with Queen and 2 Knights each, soon won, thereby making his score $6\frac{1}{2}$, and tying with Blake for 3rd and 4th prize. This was the last game finished of the whole Congress.

Yates has thus repeated his previous successes in the championship at Cheltenham in 1913, Chester in 1914, and Malvern in 1921. In the present tournament he played better chess than any of his rivals and thoroughly deserved his fine success. Apart from his slip against Goldstein he never had the inferior position against any player. In this tournament he did not make so many combinations as usual, but instead gained most of his successes by superior position play. He has perhaps never played so well as in this tournament—certainly he has never played so soundly. He has been a worthy representative of England in international tournaments abroad, and we hope that his success here will spur him on to greater triumphs.

Michell started with two draws, but then won six games off the reel in good style to keep level with Yates. He did not play in his best form in his vital engagement with Yates in the ninth round, and only scored $\frac{1}{2}$ point out of his last three games. Nevertheless, he certainly deserved his second place, which equalled his previous best of 2nd to H. E. Atkins at Shrewsbury, 1906, with the same score of $7\frac{1}{2}$. He played three excellent games against his fellow City of London members—Blake, Goldstein and Gooding.

The success of the veteran Blake in style worthy of his palmiest days was very gratifying to his numerous admirers. He demonstrated

that it was possible to secure as strong an attack out of the Queen's Gambit Declined as out of his once-popular Vienna Game. Had it not been for unfortunate oversights his score would have been still better, for in an equal position against Gurnhill he lost the Exchange by a blunder ; against Heath he had a drawn ending and against Yates, he lost a Pawn by a slip. On the other hand there was not the slightest suggestion of fluke in any of his six victories.

Goldstein, who tied with Blake for third and fourth prize, could feel satisfied at his first attempt on the British championship. He played some hard games in the first week, adjourning 5 of his games, and he had made the useful score of 4 out of 6 against the strongest players. However, he fell away considerably in the second week, when he could only add another $2\frac{1}{2}$ points, including a big slice of luck against Uber. He played some good games against Blake, Macdonald, Saunders and Yates. This time he did not run so short of time as usual, being easily eclipsed by Thomas in this doubtful honour.

Saunders was unlucky to be shut out of the prize list after his splendid start, for after the fifth round he led with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Losses to Goldstein and Gooding in successive rounds pulled him back to the field, and in the end he only scored $1\frac{1}{2}$ points out of his last 6 games. He played some very enterprising attacks, and deserved a better reward than he got.

The young Cambridge University captain, Thomas, did well to score 5 points, as this was the first time he had played in the tournament. For once he did not handle his end-games with his customary precision, but displayed good powers of combination in his four won games. In any case, his defeat of Michell in 20 moves would alone have justified his entry.

Considering that this is the first open tournament, apart from local tournaments, in which Wheatcroft has ever competed, he could be more than satisfied with his record. He drew with the second prize-winner and gained three victories in very convincing style. Although he has only played chess seriously for about a couple of years, he has already a considerable theoretical knowledge, and has combinative skill considerably above the average. His game against Heath was a most brilliant effort, and with further experience tempering his youthful ardour we shall expect him to make a name for himself in the chess-world very soon.

Gurnhill made a most depressing start with $\frac{1}{2}$ point out of his first six games, but in no wise dismayed he proceeded to win the next four games off the reel. In the first week he was quite out of luck, for he had winning games against Wheatcroft, Macdonald and Michell at one time, but in the second week the pendulum swung in his favour. He shows the usual determined stubbornness of the Yorkshireman in difficult positions, and when he co-ordinates his moves better he will come much higher up.

Heath started off auspiciously with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points out of his first three games, but later on lost six games in succession. He has an original style, which lacks soundness, but most of his opponents

refused to do what he hoped for, even in his prepared variations. Like Gurnhill he defeated two of the prize-winners.

Dr. Macdonald suffers very much from lack of match-practice, for being an eye specialist in the Highlands he has little opportunity of playing against first-class opposition. His three won games were examples of fine combinative play retrieving an inferior position, and against Gooding and Michell he defended Rook endings with great tenacity.

Gooding's score does not represent his real strength, for he came third in the recent City of London Championship against strong opposition. It is curious that he never seems to do well in the British Championship, although he always gives Yates a very hard fight. He played some very hard games, and it cannot have fallen to the lot of many players to contest two games of over 100 moves in an 11-round tournament. When a spectator asked him during the game how many moves his game with Yates had lasted, he replied 126, and expressed the hope that he would reach the 130 mark with a drive for 4 to the boundary.

Uber was quite out of luck, and in every game fate seemed to be dogging his footsteps. He missed two clear wins, and seemed to play without his customary energy.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1 F. D. Yates	—	I	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 R. P. Michell	0	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 J. H. Blake	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	0	0	I	I	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	} III-IV ex aq.
4 M. E. Goldstein	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I†	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 H. Saunders	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	0	I	I	I	I	0	I	6	} III-IV ex aq.
6 A. R. B. Thomas	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	0	0	I	5	
7 G. S. A. Wheatcroft	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
8 C. R. Gurnhill	0	0	I	I	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	0	I	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 C. B. Heath	0	0	I	I	0	I	0	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 Dr. R. C. Macdonald	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	I	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4	
11 W. Gooding	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12 H. B. Uber	0	0	0	0†	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	—	—	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	

† Infraction of time-limit.

The Major Open produced a keen struggle for supremacy between the Russian master, E. Znosko-Borovski, now resident in Paris, the Hastings player, J. A. J. Drewitt, and the strong Londoner, J. H. Morrison. In the end there was a result unique in the annals of the Major Open Tournament, for there was a triple tie between these three players for the first place with 9 points each.

Thomas secured what should have been a winning attack in the Vienna against the Russian, but Znosko-Borovski subsequently outplayed him and at the end of the fifth round had 5 points. Drewitt, who lost to Morrison in the fourth round through embarking on an unsound sacrifice, and then drew with Howell-Smith, had 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; and Morrison, who lost to Moses in the first round and later drew with Thomas, had 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ also. In the sixth round Wright put up a stout

resistance and succeeded in drawing with Znosko-Borovski, who had $5\frac{1}{2}$ at the end of the week against the $4\frac{1}{2}$ of his two rivals.

In his next three games Znosko-Borovski drew successively with Barlow, Drewitt and Morrison, so that after the ninth round all three players had 7 points. Howell-Smith put up a great resistance and Znosko-Borovski did not win until the third session's play on Friday evening. On Friday morning he accounted for Turriff quickly and thus made 9. Drewitt defeated Atkinson and Moses, and Morrison beat Watts and Atkinson, so that all three finished with a score of 9 and tied for the first three prizes.

Znosko-Borovski played very soundly and finished off several of his games with pretty combinations. We give below his decisive game against Turriff in the last round.

GAME No. 5,727.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		19 Kt—R 4	19 P—Kt 3 ?
E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI		H. A. TURRIFF		A fatal loosening of his King-side position.	
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 3	20 Q—K 3	20 Q—Q 1		
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4	21 Q—Kt 3	21 Kt—R 4		
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	22 Q—B 2	22 R—B 2		
4 B—Kt 5	4 P×P	23 P—B 5 !	23 Kt P×P		
5 Kt×P	5 Q Kt—Q 2				23... K P×P ; 24
6 Kt—K B 3	6 B—K 2				Kt×B P leads to similar variations.
7 Kt×Kt ch	7 Kt×Kt	24 Kt×P !	24 Q—Kt 4		
8 P—B 3	8 P—Q Kt 3				If 24... P×Kt ; 25
9 B—Kt 5 ch	9 B—Q 2				Q×P, etc.
.....In an earlier round against the Russian muster, A. D. Barlow played 9... Kt—Q 2 ; B×B, Q×B ; 11 B—B 6 +.		25 Kt×P	25 Kt—B 5		
10 B—Q 3	10 B—B 3	26 R—K 3	26 Kt×B		
.....Castles at once was better					If 26... B×P ; 27 R—Kt 3, Kt—R 6 ch ; 28 K×B and wins.
11 Castles	11 Kt—Q 2	27 R×Kt	27 K—B 1		
12 B—K B 4	12 B—Q 3	28 R—Kt 3	28 Q—R 4		
13 B×B	13 P×B	29 Kt×R	29 K×Kt		
14 Q—K 2	14 Castles	30 R—Kt 8 ch	30 K—K 2		
15 Q R—K 1	15 Kt—B 3	31 Q—B 6 ch	31 K—Q 3		
16 Kt—Q 2	16 Q R—B 1	32 R—Q 8 ch	32 R—Q 2		
17 P—K B 4	17 R—K 1	33 R×R	33 B×R		
18 Kt—B 3	18 Q—B 2	34 Q×B P	34 Resigns		

Drewitt played as strongly as ever, and fully deserved his high place. He thus repeated his performance at Stratford-on-Avon, when he tied with Znosko-Borovski for first place with $9\frac{1}{2}$.

Morrison continued in improved vein, and added another to his recent successes. This is his best success yet, but we expect him to go much further. He had a difficult defence against Znosko-Borovski, but emerged with flying colours.

There was a tie for fourth place between the Yorkshireman, G. W. Moses, who only lost two games, but drew too many, and a newcomer to this tournament in H. G. Wright, who played at Bromley last year. He is to be heartily congratulated on his fine début in the

Major Open, more especially as he only scored 1 point out of his first 4 games, but did not lose another game.

Atkinson played some fine attacks, but made some blunders. Littlejohn was rather disappointing: he lost more games than one would have expected him to.

Barlow and Howell-Smith, who divided first place in the first-class at Stratford last year, again made the same score. Howell-Smith proved himself no easy man to beat, for besides drawing with three of the prize-winners in Drewitt, Moses and Wright, he compelled both Morrison and Znosko-Borovski to play three sessions against him.

Thomas very sportingly came forward to fill a vacancy, and played all his games, although he came straight from a nursing home each morning for his first four games.

MAJOR OPEN.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1 J. A. J. Drewitt	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	9	} I-II-III
2 J. H. Morrison	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	9	
3 E. Znosko-Borovski	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	9	
4 G. W. Moses	0	1	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	} IV ex aq.
5 H. G. Wright	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6 W. Atkinson	0	0	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	5	
7 P. C. Littlejohn	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
8 A. D. Barlow	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	
9 S. G. Howell-Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	
10 W. R. Thomas	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	—	0	0	3	
11 H. A. Turriff	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	—	1	—	3	
12 H. H. Watts	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	—	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	

At the end of the first week in the ladies' championship the scores were: Miss Price 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, Mrs. Stevenson 5, Mrs. Sollas 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, Miss Gilchrist 4, Miss Forbes 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Miss Abraham, Miss Chater and Mrs. Michell 3, Mrs. Ritchie 2, Miss Andrews 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Mrs. Battram 0.

Miss Price had agreed a draw in an ending against Miss Gilchrist when subsequent analysis proved that she had a forced win; she had won all her other games, however,

The holder, Mrs. Stevenson, had lost to Mrs. Sollas through rushing things too much. It was pleasant to see Mrs. Sollas once more to the fore, and Miss Gilchrist had done well, not having lost a game in the first week.

In the seventh round a change came over the picture: Miss Price lost to Miss Chater in a well-played game and Mrs. Stevenson, by defeating Miss Gilchrist, went to the head with 6 against 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the next round the two leaders met, and a draw resulted. Both ladies won in the ninth round, but in the tenth Miss Price lost a piece to Miss Forbes by a blunder, and could not save the game. Mrs. Michell had a winning attack against Mrs. Stevenson, but allowed her to force perpetual check.

Accordingly, Mrs. Stevenson only needed a draw in the last round to retain her title, and she had no difficulty in drawing with Mrs.

Ritchie. Her third success in the championship (she won outright at Edinburgh in 1920 and at Stratford last year) was deservedly popular, for she plays very enterprising chess instead of "sitting on the splice" as some ladies are known to do.

Miss Price deserves sympathy for her ill-luck in making the blunder against Miss Forbes; but she will do better another year. Miss Gilchrist came third with a single defeat, and her performance is very creditable. Miss Chater showed a great improvement in form in tying for 4th place with the experienced Mrs. Michell. Mrs. Sollas fell away after her good start, and just missed the prize list.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

		I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1	Mrs. A. Stevenson	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2	Miss E. C. Price	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	0	I	I	I	I	I	8	II
3	Miss M. D. Gilchrist	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	III
4	Miss H. F. Chater	0	I	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	7	IV
5	Mrs. R. P. Michell	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	7	} <i>ex æq.</i>
6	Mrs. A. Sollas	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7	Miss M. C. Forbes	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	0	0	I	I	I	6	
8	Miss E. E. Abraham	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	—	I	0	I	I	5	
9	Miss M. Andrews	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	0	—	I	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	} <i>ex æq.</i>
10	Mrs. M. M. Ritchie	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4	
11	Mrs. J. Brockett	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	2	
12	Mrs. M. L. Battrum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	

There was a very keen fight in the first class, the proverbial pocket handkerchief covering the scores of six players, Mrs. Holloway, Major Sir Richard Barnett, Rev. A. P. Lacey-Hulbert, F. A. Joyce, J. Macalister and H. Parsons, after the tournament was well on its way. However, Parsons and Lacey-Hulbert emerged as winners, dividing first place, and the Coventry player, F. V. Dix by winning his last three games raced the others and secured third prize.

FIRST CLASS.

		I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1	Rev. A. P. Lacy-Hulbert ..	—	I	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	} I-II } <i>ex æq.</i> III
2	H. Parsons	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3	F. V. Dix	I	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	7	
4	Mrs. E. M. Holloway	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0*	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5	F. A. Joyce	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	I	I†	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	} <i>ex æq.</i>
6	Major Sir Richard Barnett ..	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I*	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	
7	J. Macalister	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	6	
8	F. Wilkinson	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	5	
9	H. H. Elliot	0	0	0	I	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	} <i>ex æq.</i>
10	G. K. Nuttall	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
11	B. Barton-Eckett	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0†	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12	G. D. Hutton	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

* Infraction of time-limit.

† By Default.

The local player, J. Macdonald, won the Second Class A, after shaking off a challenge from W. Barker.

SECOND CLASS, SECTION A.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	T'l.	Prize.
1	J. Macdonald	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	9	I
2	W. Barker	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3	A. C. Steadman	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	7	III
4	P. H. Sullivan	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I†	I	I	I	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5	H. H. Shelton	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6	E. E. Shepherd	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7	L. Burland	0	0	0	0†	0	I	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
8	S. P. Lees	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	I	I	4	
9	A. Goldberg	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	I	I	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10	Miss A. Heard	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	I	2	
11	Mrs. B. Reid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	—	0	

† By Default.

In section B, Keeble won his first six games, and led Clissold and Taylor by a point. He could not keep this up in the second week, and Clissold emerged winner by $\frac{1}{2}$ point.

SECOND CLASS, SECTION B.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1	N. Clissold	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	0	I	I	I	I	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2	J. Keeble	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I*	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	9	II-III
3	C. H. Taylor	0	0*	—	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	9	ex æq.
4	A. L. Densham	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	0	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	7	
5	G. Breese	0	0	0	—	0	0	I	I	I	I	I	I	6	
6	R. B. Dykes	0	0	0	I	I	—	0	0	I	I	I	I	6	
7	W. L. Wakefield	0	0	0	0	I	I	—	I	0	I	I	I	6	
8	J. E. Riley	I	0	0	0	0	I	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	5	
9	G. M. Rowson	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	I	5	
10	Miss S. Malcolm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	I	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
11	G. A. Youngman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12	Miss L. Eveling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$		

* Infraction of time-limit.

The old Hampstead player, G. W. Bedford, won Division 1 of the Third Class in superior style with 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ out of 10. This is his first first-prize in an open tournament, and the youthful octogenarian is hoping for fresh worlds to conquer next year.

THIRD CLASS, DIVISION I.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	T'l.	Prize.
1	G. W. Bedford	—	I $\frac{1}{2}$	I I	I I	I I	I I†	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2	H. Doran	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	I I	I I	I I	I I†	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3	J. E. Coleman	0 0	0 0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$ I	0 I	I I†	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4	Miss J. V. Kessen	0 0	0 0	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	—	I I	$\frac{1}{2}$ I†	4	
5	Mrs. M. M. Sim	0 0	0 0	I 0	0 0	—	I I†	3	
6	Mrs. A. Harrison	0 0†	0 0†	0 0†	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0†	0 0†	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	

† By Default.

Two promising youngsters in Pepper and Marshall were among the prize-winners in the other 3rd class section.

THIRD CLASS, DIVISION II.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	T'l.	Prize.
1	Mrs. Healey	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	} I-II } <i>ex aeq.</i>
2	W. P. Pepper	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3	Miss E. H. Henderson	0	0	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	} III } <i>ex aeq.</i>
4	C. W. Marshall	1	1	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	0	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5	Miss M. Crookshanks	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1	1	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6	J. M. Harris	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	—	1	0	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7	Miss M. R. Watson	0	0	0	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	1	4	
8	Mrs. M. Barker	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	0	1	0	1	3	
9	Mrs. E. Copland	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—	0	1	1	2	
10	Miss M. Tweedie	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	—	0	1	2	
11	Mrs. A. Fletcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	1	1	

† By Default.

The usual excursions were arranged, including a whole-day visit to the Trossachs, etc., on Sunday, August 8th.

The first lightning tournament was held on August 4th, F. D. Yates winning 1st prize, with N. Clissold second, W. P. Pepper third and Miss Forbes fourth. In a subsequent informal tournament the winners were F. D. Yates, J. H. Morrison, M. E. Goldstein and W. Gooding.

Shortly after the first round of the second general lightning tournament on August 11th had been finished, one of the players, Mr. J. Marshall, a former Scottish champion, collapsed and died in a few minutes, although medical attention was immediately forthcoming. The tournament was at once abandoned and the rooms closed until the evening as a mark of respect.

On Friday afternoon, August 13th, E. Znosko-Borovski played 17 games simultaneously, winning 11, drawing 5 and losing 1.

On Saturday, August 14th, Canon Gordon Ross, president of the B.C.F., presided over the concluding ceremony.

Before the commencement the company stood for a moment in memory of the late Mr. J. Marshall.

The president referred at some length to the forthcoming international team tournament in London next summer, and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Arthur Rawson, president of the Imperial Chess Club.

A vote of thanks to the Scottish Chess Association, coupled with the name of Miss Malcolm, the local secretary, was proposed by Sir Richard Barnett and carried with acclamation. Mr. W. T. Watson, K.C., Miss Malcolm and Mr. C. Wardhaugh replied on behalf of the S.C.A.

A vote of thanks to the Press, proposed by Mr. G. D. Hutton, received suitable acknowledgment by Mr. E. S. Tinsley, representing *The Times*.

Mr. R. H. S. Stevenson, Miss Malcolm and Mr. C. Wardhaugh each received a present from the competitors in recognition of the arduous work they had put in to make the congress such a success.

HAMPSTEAD CHESS CLUB TOUR.

At the end of July a team of ten players, two of whom were accompanied by their wives, visited Belgium and Paris, and spent a very pleasant ten days combining chess and a holiday.

The party left Victoria on Saturday morning, July 24th, and arrived at Bruges the same evening. After dinner a pleasant hour was spent on the Canal, and next morning the Belfry and other famous sights of the town attracted attention. In the afternoon the team entrained for Antwerp, and by 3-30 p.m. the match with the local club was in full swing.

Play was keenly contested on all boards, but the home team gradually established a winning lead. Mercer lost material by a blunder, and Scrimgeour's game gradually grew worse. Embrechts surprised Rowson with a very pretty Rook sacrifice. Jellie got up a winning attack against Alekhine's defence, and Winter sacrificed two Pawns for a winning attack. Sergeant had a bad opening against the well-known Polish player and never recovered. M. E. Goldstein had a very exciting game which ended indecisively.

CERCLE D'ANVERS.					HAMPSTEAD.				
1	G. Koltanowski (Black)	..	0		W. Winter	..	..	..	1
2	E. Sapira	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	C. Gottesdiener	..	..	1	P. W. Sergeant	..	..	..	0
4	A. Dunkleblum	..	..	1	A. E. Mercer	..	..	..	0
5	J. Dunkleblum	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	H. Horowitz	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. F. Goldstein	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	I. Censer	..	..	0	E. M. Jellie	..	..	..	1
8	M. Karnel.	..	..	1	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	..	0
9	M. van Stappen	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Busvine	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	F. Embrechts	..	..	1	G. H. Rowson	..	..	..	0
6					4				

On the next day the first of the two Brussels matches was played, and it resulted in an overwhelming victory for the visitors, who did not lose a single game. Louviau lost a Pawn in the early middle-game, but recovered it by a pretty combination. Bonwick overwhelmed his opponent with the Vienna, and the tail won effectively. R. F. Goldstein won a well-played ending with Bishops of opposite colour, and M. E. Goldstein had a winning advantage from the 15th move.

HAMPSTEAD.					CERCLE DE BRUXELLE.				
1	M. E. Goldstein (White)	..	1		M. Nebel	..	..	..	0
2	W. Winter	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Louviau	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	1	— Kraitchik	..	..	..	0
4	R. F. Goldstein	..	..	1	A. Lenglez	..	..	..	0
5	P. W. Sergeant	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	— Varlin	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	A. E. Mercer	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Lancel	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	E. M. Jellie	..	..	1	— Neirynski	..	..	..	0
8	E. Busvine	..	..	1	— Finn	..	..	..	0
9	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	1	— van Beneden	..	..	..	0
10	G. H. Rowson	..	..	1	— Riza	..	..	..	0
8 $\frac{1}{2}$					1 $\frac{1}{2}$				

After seeing over Brussels the second match was played on Tuesday evening, July 27th. Half way through it appeared very uncertain whether the visitors would pull through, for Mercer and Sergeant had the inferior game, Bonwick was two Pawns to the bad and Winter had sacrificed two Pawns for an intricate attack. However, the tide subsequently turned decisively in favour of Hampstead, who won their second match without loss of a game. M. E. Goldstein and Winter won well, Bonwick retrieved his game in an unexpected manner by a forcible King-side attack, and Sergeant won a Pawn and the end-game.

HAMPSTEAD.				CERCLE DE PHILIDOR.			
1	W. Winter (Black)	..	..	1	A. Tackels	..	..
2	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	1	M. Nebel	..	..
3	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	1	A. Lenglez	..	..
4	R. F. Goldstein	..	..	1	A. Louvian	..	..
5	P. W. Sergeant	..	..	1	E. Lancel	..	..
6	A. E. Mercer	..	..	1	— Barzin	..	..
7	E. M. Jellie	..	..	1	— Strassel	..	..
8	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	1	— Karfiol	..	..
9	E. Busvine	..	..	1	— Jonnet	..	..
10	G. H. Rowson	..	..	1	— Gaty	..	..
8				2			

The party left Brussels on July 28th and reached Paris within three hours. A match had been arranged against the Fou du Roi for the evening of the 29th, but they were unable to raise a team. This gave the visitors an extra free evening. On Friday evening M. E. Goldstein and G. H. Rowson, with F. D. Yates, who was in Paris at the time, left for Edinburgh, where they were competing in the B.C.F. congress.

The first match in Paris was on Saturday, July 31st, and resulted in a British victory. The margin could have been greater, for Busvine and Sergeant, with won end-games at close of play, agreed to draws in order to get away.

HAMPSTEAD.				CERCLE DE PHILIDOR.			
1	W. Winter (White)	..	..	1	V. Kahn	..	..
2	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	1	— Slivitski	..	..
3	P. W. Sergeant	..	..	1	— Betbeden	..	..
4	R. F. Goldstein	..	..	1	L. Alexander	..	..
5	A. E. Mercer	..	..	1	H. Barthe	..	..
6	E. M. Jellie	..	..	1	— Fischer	..	..
7	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	1	— Thiellement	..	..
8	E. Busvine	..	..	1	— Anglade	..	..
4½				3½			

Against the famous Palais Royal on the Sunday afternoon, August 1st, the team suffered a heavy defeat.

Baratz played the Budapest Defence and Winter got no advantage out of the opening. Romih gradually obtained the better game against Bonwick, and Sergeant lost a Pawn by a blunder. Goldstein had a hard fight, being unable to simplify the game as desired. Mercer indulged in a brilliant attack by sacrificing the Exchange and a Pawn, but his opponent found the right move every time.

Busvine, playing the Cracow variation of the Giuoco Piano, made an unfortunate blunder at the onset.

CERCLE DU PALAIS ROYAL.

HAMPSTEAD.

1 A. Baratz (Black)	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Winter	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 M. Romih	1	W. E. Bonwick	0
3 A. Ratner	1	P. W. Sergeant	0
4 H. Barthe	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. F. Goldstein	$\frac{1}{2}$
5 — Dembro	1	A. E. Mercer	0
6 — Anglade	0	E. M. Jellie	1
7 — Gromer	1	E. Busvine	0
8 — Poliker	1	E. J. Scrimgeour	0
9 — Soffer	0	A. Felber	1
	<u>6</u>		<u>3</u>

In the five matches played, Winter and Jellie both had the excellent record of 3 wins and 2 draws, and R. F. Goldstein was also undefeated with 2 wins and 3 draws. Bonwick had scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ out of 4, but the last match proved fatal to both Busvine and himself. M. E. Goldstein had $2\frac{1}{2}$ out of 3.

It was noticeable that the whole team played quite Pawn and move stronger than when in England. This can perhaps be attributed in part to the slower time-limit of 32 or 36 moves in the first two hours, which is conducive to better play, since it allows time for reflection during the critical 15th to 25th moves of a game.

After the Antwerp match both teams were toasted in champagne or ginger ale according to inclination, and felicitous greetings were exchanged at all the matches. The visitors were very gratified at the cordial welcome which awaited them everywhere.

The party spent its spare time in Paris visiting the Louvre, Versailles, the Opera, etc., and returned to England on Monday, August 2nd. Everyone agreed that the tour had been highly interesting and enjoyable, and expressed the wish that it should be repeated next year.

The grateful thanks of the whole party are due to their indefatigable match-captain, Mr. E. Busvine, to whose initiative the whole plan was due. He not only made all arrangements about hotel accommodation, etc., but also did everything else conceivable for the comfort and well-being of his flock.

Game played in the Edinburgh Tournament.

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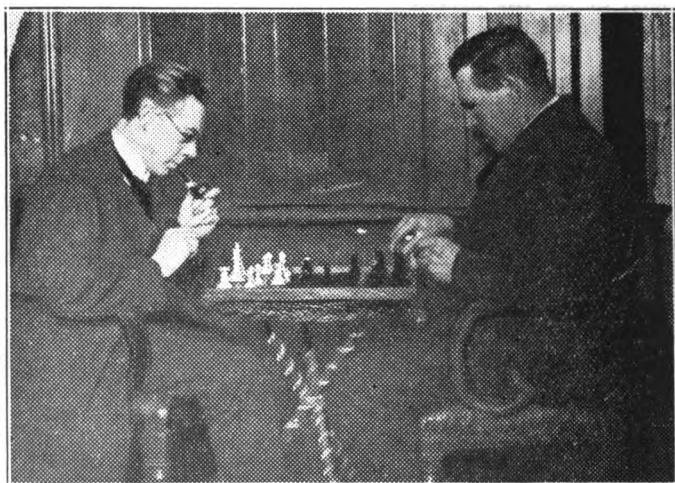
WHITE		BLACK	
C. B. HEATH	C. R. GURNHILL	C. B. HEATH	C. R. GURNHILL
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	12 P—B 3	12 P×P
2 P—K B 4	2 P×P	13 P×P	13 Kt—Q 2
3 Kt—K B 3	3 P—K Kt 4	14 Kt×Kt	14 Q×Kt
4 P—K R 4	4 P—Kt 5	15 Q R—Q 1	15 Kt×B
5 Kt—K 5	5 Kt—K B 3	16 Q×Kt	16 B×B
6 B—B 4	6 P—Q 4	17 Kt×B	17 Q—K 3 ch
7 P×P	7 B—Kt 2	18 K—B 2	18 Q×Kt
8 P—Q 4	8 Castles	19 P—Q Kt 3	19 Q—B 7 ch
9 B×P	9 Kt×P	20 R—Q 2	20 Q—Kt 3
10 Q—Q 2	10 B—K 3	21 P—R 5	21 Q—B 3
11 Kt—R 3	11 P—Q B 4		and wins.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Hertfordshire Championship.—For the second successive year G. P. A. Richards, of Barnet, has won the individual championship of the Hertfordshire Chess Association. Among his victims were F. N. Braund (the old Hampshire player, now living at Ware), C. K. Trotter (Chestnut) and E. G. Attenborough (Bushey Chess Club), the latter being his opponent in the final.

We have pleasure in giving a picture of W. Bridger, the new champion of Sussex. Mr. Bridger is almost a veteran now: his exploits can be found in volumes of the *B.C.M.* a surprising number of years ago. He has changed little, however, during his long homage at the shrine of Caissa, always the same robust and pugnacious antagonist and one of the most difficult men to beat in all the county teams. He has done an immense amount of work in the wilds of Sussex to introduce and encourage the game, and to persuade his colleagues to support the competitions and matches arranged by the county executive. We wish him many more victories in the Sussex championship.

Our best thanks to G. G. Garland for sending us the photo.



MR. W. BRIDGER (*right*),
Chess Champion of Sussex.

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The annual general meeting of the Poor Law Officers' Correspondence Chess Association was held at the Gambit Chess Rooms, Budge Row, London E.C., on July 20th, 1926. The hon. president,

W. J. Taylor, of Aylesbury, presided over a good assembly. Encouraging reports were given by the two secretaries, Messrs. Burton and Pragnell, who were afterwards thanked for their services and re-elected for another season. Great interest and keen competition is still manifest in all games. There is an additional incentive in the tourney handicap. A president's prize for winner of most games, and another given by J. Foley, London, for player with most losses! Full results and winners will appear in next issue. A match with the *Chess Amateur* League ended in their favour $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$. Another match, this against the *Referee*, is proceeding and is being well contested. The financial position is good, and new members are steadily enrolling. Committee re-elected: B. C. Amies, W. D. Street, R. A. Fenner, G. D. Fenn.

The thirtieth competition for the Newcastle trophy resulted in a win for R. G. Knowles, the runner-up being C. W. Fallows, both Newcastle men, although the competition is open to all players in Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland and Westmoreland and the Norty Riding of Yorkshire. One of the competitors who was defeated in the semi-final and whose name is well known all over the North, writes as follows:—

I acknowledge receipt of silver cup from you. I have taken part in your Trophy Competition for thirty years without a break. I can remember when there were over 160 entries. This is my ninth prize in your competition, and of them all this is the best by 200 per cent. I shall enter again, for I intend to make my cup a pair.—E. PARKER.

E. A. Znosko-Borovsky is preparing a Correspondence Chess Course which will be ready early in the winter. The course will consist of six lessons and will be suited to Advanced, Medium or Weak players. The fee will be three guineas inclusive, and will be varied for the individual requirements of each pupil.

Znosko-Borovsky will be pleased to give further information to those interested, who should write to him at 33 rue de Cronstadt, Paris XV.

We are informed by E. H. Church that there will be a tournament arranged at Cambridge on November 15th, lasting for six days till the 20th.

Mr. Church is of opinion that the attractions of Cambridge are such that having once visited the town, players would always come again, and thinks there is certainly room for an annual Chess Week to be held each autumn.

Further particulars as to tournaments and events later.

We are pleased to hear from Oscar L. Browne that he is forming a Chess Club at Bedford which will open with the coming season. As there is already a strong club at Luton it looks as if Bedfordshire will soon become opponents to be feared.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS

Canada.—We have not yet the definite list of players in the Canadian championship, which began at Montreal on August 22nd; but it appears that Alexis Cartier, the Montreal champion, is unable, through business reasons, to compete. He took part, however, in a preparatory tournament in Montreal, with Messrs. Harvey, Blanchard, Wilson, Lidsky and Moncur.

M. Fox, who has just taken up a position at St. Catherine's, is expected to be in the championship list.

In the play-off for the first place in the Montreal C.C. championship, H. Lidsky, D. C. Robertson and J. Sawyer, who had made a triple tie, played one another twice again, with the result that each scored 2-2!

The tie-match S. E. Gale *v.* G. Eastman, for the championship of Toronto, ended unsatisfactorily in a score of 2½ each, Gale winning the last game by default. Eastman protested, but the Toronto Chess Association ruled in Gale's favour. The title, therefore, remains in abeyance.

A match between L. Blanchard and J. B. Harvey, both of Montreal, was won by Blanchard by a score of 4-1.

A new chess club, the Bell Telephone C.C., has been founded in Montreal, with an initial membership of 25.

The Montreal C.C. has accepted a challenge from the Boston C.C. to an 8-board match, to be played at Portland, Maine.

We are indebted for these items to *Le Pion* (Montreal).

Australia.—The 41st telegraphic match between New South Wales and Victoria ended in a crushing victory for the former by 8½-1½. After adjudication of 5 unfinished games by W. S. Viner, the scores were as follows, the N.S.W. representatives being put first in each instance:—

S. Crakanthorp 1, F. L. Vaughan 0; A. E. N. Wallace 1, S. Woinarski 0; C. J. S. Purdy 1, G. Gundersen 0; H. V. Crane 1, J. A. Erskine 0; W. H. Jonas ½, S. Merkel ½; J. A. Kinman 1, E. D. Stanes 0; L. Crakanthorp 1, W. F. Coultas 0; A. G. Shoebridge 1, M. Fox 0; S. Ray 0, W. G. Kannalul 1; A. V. Nielden 1, J. D. McKie 0.

The *Australasian* claims that J. S. Stanley, who played first in an inter-state telegraphic match in 1870 and last played (and won) in one in 1921, 51 years later, thereby created a world's record. He is still, happily, alive.

New Zealand.—On June 16th the Wellington C.C. celebrated its 50th birthday with a re-union presided over by W. Mackay (president for the last eight years) and very well attended. The principal event of the evening was a lightning tournament of 52 players, divided into three classes of strength. In the final pool, played a

fortnight later, F. K. Kelling, of the senior division, took first prize, H. Douglas, intermediate section, took second, and W. Fink, junior section, third—these players being scratch, Pawn and move, and Pawn and two moves respectively.

South Africa.—The annual match, Overseas-born *v.* Colonial-born, at Capetown last month ended in a victory for the latter by 36—15. At Durban a little earlier the Home-born beat Colonial-born by 11—9.

The indefatigable J. H. Burton has succeeded in organising his sixth chess club in South Africa, the latest being at Kimberley, with a membership of 50 as a start! The president is Stanley Thompson, once a competitor in a South African tournament; the vice-president F. K. Löwenthal, K.C., an old Cambridge Blue; and the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Burton himself. Kimberley, of course, has had chess clubs before, so that there was a good nucleus of players.

Previous to the foundation of the club a tournament was held in Kimberley for the championship of Griqualand West, which was won by Stanley Thompson, with a score of $9\frac{1}{2}$, Burton being second with $8\frac{1}{2}$, and F. B. Beeby third with $7\frac{1}{2}$. At the prize-giving on June 1st (when the chess club was formed) a match was played, British-born *v.* South Africa and elsewhere-born, which was won by the former.

A quadrangular tournament is in progress at the new club, the scores at the end of the first half being: Burton $2\frac{1}{2}$, Thompson 2, Beeby $1\frac{1}{2}$, and Löwenthal 0.

United States.—We give now the table of the Pan-American tournament at Lake Hopatcong, of which we reported the bare result last month:—

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 J. R. Capablanca	— —	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}$	1 1	6
2 A. Kupchik	$0\frac{1}{2}$	— —	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	$1\frac{1}{2}$	5
3 G. Maroczy	$0\frac{1}{2}$	$0\frac{1}{2}$	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
4 F. J. Marshall	$\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	$0\frac{1}{2}$	— —	1 0	3
5 Ed. Lasker	0 0	$0\frac{1}{2}$	0 0	0 1	— —	$1\frac{1}{2}$

Capablanca never looked like losing a game. Scoring $4\frac{1}{2}$ points in the first 5 rounds, he relaxed his efforts and finished up with 3 more draws. Kupchik lost the first game he played (to Capablanca), but after that only dropped 4 half-points. Maroczy, however, should have beaten him in their second game. The Hungarian started the tournament well with 2 wins, then lost 2, and finally just missed taking second prize. Marshall was quite out of form, and Edward Lasker, losing his first five games, could only score his one win in the 7th round.

The first brilliancy prize was awarded to Capablanca for his win in the 6th round over Lasker.

The following game, in the 9th round, was the shortest in the tournament. Capablanca captured two Pawns, but was afterwards

unable to extricate his Queen and had to be content with a draw. He took 35 minutes, and Marshall 49, over the game.

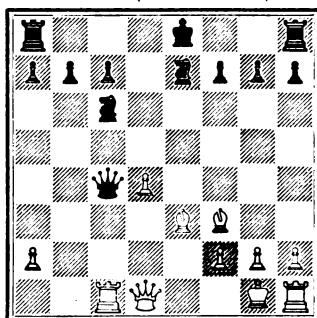
GAME NO. 5,729.

Centre Gambit.

WHITE MARSHALL.	BLACK CAPABLANCA
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 P—Q 4	2 P×P
3 P—Q B 3	3 P—Q 4
4 K P×P	4 Q×P
5 P×P	5 Kt—Q B 3
6 Kt—K B 3	6 B—Kt 5 ch
7 Kt—B 3	7 B—Kt 5
8 B—K 2	8 B×Kt
9 B×B	9 Q—Q R 5
10 B—K 3	10 B×Kt ch
11 P×B	11 Q×P ch
12 K—B 1	12 Q—B 5 ch
13 K—Kt 1	13 K Kt—K 2
14 R—B 1	
(See diagram)	
15 R—R 1	14 Q×R P
16 R—B 1	15 Q—B 5
17 R—R 1	16 Q—R 7
18 R—B 1	17 Q—B 5
	18 Q—R 7
Drawn	

Position after 14 R—B 1.

BLACK (CAPABLANCA)



WHITE (MARSHALL)

The annual meeting of the Western Chess Association began in Chicago on August 21st. This year there is a "national" tournament as well as the usual Western championship. The former was expected to include Marshall, Maroczy, Kupchik (who is not therefore defending his title of Western champion), Edward Lasker, Chajes, Jaffe, Factor, Showalter, Isaacs, Banks, and the young Isaac Kashdan champion of the Rice Progressive C.C.C.—and also perhaps C. Torre, from Mexico.

The New York State championship took place at Rome, N.Y., August 16th—21st, the entries being somewhat impaired by the coincidence of the closing date with the opening day of the W.C.A. congress.

France.—The 4th national championship under the auspices of F.F. des E. is being held at Biarritz this month, when a strong provincial entry will probably be seen. It is a curious fact that the main native chess talent in France is at present to be found rather outside than in Paris. In the capital there is a very powerful band of players, but they are mostly of foreign extraction. Aurbach seldom tests his great ability nowadays. Lazard was not met by the recent Hampstead visitors to Paris. Janowski, Alekhine, Bernstein, Barasz, Znosko-Borovsky, Romih, Ratner, Potemkin, and a number of other experts usually to be seen at the Palais Royal and the Cercle Philidor, hail originally from other lands than France. Of the rising generation, Betbeder, Gromer, and one or two others who may be accounted

French are the most enthusiastic performers. But it is jestingly said that Russian is the most useful language in Parisian chess circles to-day.

Alekhine left Paris on July 31st, on his way to his engagement in South America. He was accompanied on the journey by Potemkin, who also intends to make a short stay in Latin America.

In the first section of the 33rd annual tournament of the Cercle Philidor the first and second places fell to Halberstadt and Pomtemkin *ex æquo*, Bertrand and Kahn tying for third prize.

As we go to Press, we have received from M. Gaudin, the *commissaire général technique* of the Biarritz congress, the following list of entries for the national championship: MM. Renaud (ex-holder), Anglade, Betbeder, Chéron, Fabre, Gaudin, Gibaud, Grauer, and F. Lazard.

Germany.—A small masters' tournament at Hanover, August 9th—18th, resulted as follows: I, A. Nimzovitch, $6\frac{1}{2}$; II, A. Rubinstein, 6; III, W. von Holzhausen, 4; IV, J. Mieses and F. Sämisch, 3; O. Antze, $2\frac{1}{2}$; A. Duhm and H. von Gottschall, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Nimzovitch and Rubinstein drew with one another in the third round. Rubinstein also dropped half a point to Sämisch in the fifth round, which decided the destination of the first two prizes.

Holland.—This year's congress of the Nederlandsche Schaakbond took place at Utrecht, July 19th-30th. M. Euwe once more won the championship, his score being 10 (9 wins and a draw each against Fick and van Hoorn). R. J. Loman was second with $7\frac{1}{2}$, G. Kroone third with 7, and W. A. T. Schelfhout fourth with 6. The remaining scores were: L. Fick, J. J. Pannekoek and P. F. van Hoorn, $5\frac{1}{2}$; H. Meyer, $4\frac{1}{2}$; G. W. Kloosterboer, A. G. Olland and A. E. van Foreest, 4; and J. L. Kersten, $2\frac{1}{2}$.

J. Davidson, once well-known in London chess, was among the original entries, but withdrew, his place being taken by Meyer, who entered from Batavia.

Belgium.—The 6th congress of the Belgian Chess Federation opens at Spa on September 1st, the chief event being an international tournament for six Belgian and six foreign players. Sir George Thomas is one of the latter.

Hungary.—At the Budapest congress, reported in our last issue, the three leading scores in the Major Tourney were: M. Walter, $11\frac{1}{2}$; B. Sarközy, $10\frac{1}{2}$; and A. Tchepurnoff, $9\frac{1}{2}$.

In the Women's Tourney the scores were: Mrs. Holloway, $6\frac{1}{2}$; (dropping a half-point to Frau Kalmar only); G. Harun and P. Wolf-Kalmar, $5\frac{1}{2}$ each; K. Farrago, G. Guga, and J. Pohlmar, 3 each; Dr. Manzoni, $1\frac{1}{2}$; and G. Reisz, 0. We regret being unable to give all the ladies their proper style.

The Hungarian side which won the international team-tourney included in its three matches Messrs. Vajda, E. Steiner, Sterk, Negyessy, Zinner, and Bakonyi.

Austria.—At the congress of the German Chess Association of Vienna the result of the masters' tourney was a joint victory for K. Gilg (Mährisch-Ostrau) and H. Wagner (Hamburg), who scored 7 points each. A. Dünnmann (Vienna), W. Hilse (Bremen), and E. König (Kula), were only half-a-point behind, while J. Lokvenc (Vienna) scored 6, P. S. Leonhardt (Königsberg) and S. R. Wolf (Vienna) $5\frac{1}{2}$, W. von Holzhausen (Magdeburg) 5, M. Blümich (Leipzig) and B. Hönlinger (Vienna) 4, and B. Moritz (Stettin) $2\frac{1}{2}$. A. Vajda at the last moment was unable to compete.

The two principal Hauptturniers were won by Schmitt (Munich) and Beutum (Vienna), who gained the titles of German and Austrian masters respectively.

In the international match, 6 a-side, double-round, Austria beat Germany by $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, the players and scores being as follows (Austrians first in each case):—

König $\frac{1}{2}$, Leonhardt $1\frac{1}{2}$; Prof. A. Becker $1\frac{1}{2}$, Wagner $\frac{1}{2}$; Dünnmann 1, Hilse 1; Lokvenc 2, v. Holzhausen 0; Wolf $\frac{1}{2}$, Blümich $1\frac{1}{2}$; Hönlinger 1, Moritz 1.

Austria was thus avenged for her defeat at Dresden earlier in the year by $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$.

Czecho-Slovakia.—Three tournament results have to be recorded. At Mährisch-Ostrau in early July K. Gilg scored 7 points in a double-round contest of 6 players, K. Hromadka and J. Stastny scoring $5\frac{1}{2}$ each.

At Reichenberg on July 17th began the 5th congress of the German Chess Association of Czecho-Slovakia, in which the principal event was won by Prof. R. Bauer, with a score of 5 points in 7 games. K. Kühn and K. Lamprecht scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ each.

At Bad Bartfeld, on July 18th, a tournament of 13 masters opened, the result of which was that S. Tartakover and H. Mattison ($8\frac{1}{2}$) tied for 1st and 2nd prizes, the 3rd falling to A. Asztalos (8), the 4th to E. Colle ($7\frac{1}{2}$), the 5th to B. Kostich (7), and the 6th to Schulz ($6\frac{1}{2}$).

Sweden.—On June 6th Göteborg won a match by "wireless" against Hamburg, scoring $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Allan Nilsson, unpartnered, beat Heinicke and Roese, while G. Nyholm and J. Ryden drew with Wohl and Taube.

Norway.—In the national championship tourney H. C. Christoffersen, of Drammen, and L. Hanssen, of Oslo, tied with 5 points each.

Mexico.—Carlos Torre, beating J. J. Araiza, A. Freyria, and M. Soto twice each in a double-round tournament for the championship of Mexico, has issued a challenge to F. J. Marshall for a match for the Pan-American championship. Marshall has previously accepted the challenge.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred on June 6th of the well-known Victorian chessplayer, Henry Tate. Mr. Tate, according to the *Australasian*, joined the Melbourne chess circle some years before the war, and rapidly rose to inter-state rank, playing with success in 1915-24. In the latter year he was appointed musical critic to one of Melbourne's leading journals, which work left him little time for serious chess, so that inter-state play and tourney competition had to be abandoned. In 1914-15 he acted as editor of our Melbourne contemporary's chess column with signal success. Though only 51 years old, he leaves behind him many poems and literary articles, together with songs and musical work of a high standard.

Though we are not aware that he ever took an active part in chess, the third Earl of Eldon, who died so suddenly in London on August 10th, was a familiar figure at tournaments, which he was wont to attend with his daughter, Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell, playing the part of a good looker-on for a day or two at a time. Lord Eldon was in his 81st year.

We are sure that all our readers will join us in offering respectful sympathy to Mr. E. G. Sergeant on the sadly premature death of his wife at the beginning of last month. The late Mrs. Sergeant was the daughter, as well as the wife, of a chessplayer. Her father was Mr. Carter, of Gravesend, who some thirty years ago was a strong player at the Metropolitan C.C., though he preferred as a rule to watch rather than take part in tournament-play.

James Marshall died suddenly on August 11th while actually playing in the lightning tournament at the British Chess Federation congress at the Albyn Rooms, Edinburgh. He had come over from his home at Stirling to see the play and decided to take part in the quick play. After winning one game, however, he suddenly collapsed and expired in a few minutes despite medical aid from other competitors. The *Falkirk Herald* states that the loss of Mr. Marshall is a heavy blow to Scottish chess, for he was a powerful player and generous patron. He won the championship of Scotland in 1889, but the following year was recommended for an appointment in Japan by the late William Black, another leader of Scottish chess. Mr. Marshall was a great success at the work he had undertaken and eventually became a partner in the firm of Findlay, Richardson & Co., Ltd., merchants, of Manila, Tokio and Kobe, whose head offices are at 34 West George Street, Glasgow. He came home for good in 1920 and immediately resumed his connection with chess, being elected president of Glasgow Club in 1921, and of the Scottish Chess Association in 1922.

At the time of his death Mr. Marshall was wearing the gold watch presented to him by his colleagues twenty-seven years ago on leaving to take up his Eastern appointment.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Bardsley, The Chelms, Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time. The new Tournies commence on October 1st, and entries must be forwarded to the above address not later than September 21st. The fee is 7/6 the first year, and 5/- per year afterwards. Players will be arranged in classes from 1 down to 5. All Association magazines are free.

We have just completed our twentieth year as an Association, and no doubt steps will be taken at the General Meeting in October, to celebrate the occasion. We would be glad of members' help in securing recruits. Most new members wish to enter the interesting Trophies Tourney, and as this tourney cannot be entered after September 21st, now is the best time to receive new members. We are glad to hear that a subscription is being raised by the B.C.F. for J. D. Chambers, of Cardiff, who is one of the oldest stalwarts of chess, and still plays in class 1 of our Trophies Tourney. E. Bodkin also has a wonderful record with our Association. In seven years, out of 236 games played, he has won 193, lost 20, and drawn 23. Can anyone beat this record? Further particulars of his successes will be recorded in our next Year-book.

Trophy results.—Class 1.—E. Bodkin wins his section with a score of 6, one loss and two draws. We congratulate Mr. Bodkin on his first win in the premier class of the Trophies Tourney. The remaining scores are as follows: Class 1: Gunston 1, Illingworth 0; Gunston 1, Rockett 0; Dr. Macdonald 1, Gunston 0. Class 2a: Parsons $\frac{1}{2}$, Bardsley $\frac{1}{2}$; Terry $\frac{1}{2}$, Kitchener $\frac{1}{2}$; Evill 1, Parsons 0; Kitchener $\frac{1}{2}$, Parsons $\frac{1}{2}$; Bardsley 1, Terry 0; Evill 1, Terry 0; Bardsley 1, Ditcham 0. Class 2b: Armitage $\frac{1}{2}$, Toledano $\frac{1}{2}$; Gale 1, Lesser 0; Shead 1, Shelton 0; Stoneman 1, Armitage 0; Shelton 1, Armitage 0; Lesser 1, Armitage 0. Class 3a: Finch 1, Whitty 0; Finch 1, Heywood 0; Finch $\frac{1}{2}$, Brown $\frac{1}{2}$; Duffell 1, Gurney 0; Duffell 1, Dutton 0; Duffell $\frac{1}{2}$, Whitty $\frac{1}{2}$; Finch 1, Duffell 0; Gurney 1, Whitty 0; J. E. Dutton 1, J. Brown 0; Dutton 1, Heywood 0. Class 3b: Hopkins 1, Coole 0; Day and McCluskey resign all outstanding games. Class 4a: Aston $\frac{1}{2}$, Richardson $\frac{1}{2}$; Murray 1, Oldfield 0; Behrndt $\frac{1}{2}$, Heath $\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs. Macvean 1, Behrndt 0; Behrndt 1, Oldfield 0. Class 4b: Houghton 1, Beckwith 0; Davis 1, Somerville 0. Class 5: Mrs. Fish 1, Bond 0; Mead 1, Halford 0; Mead 1, Boutland 0; Miss Eveling 1, Miss Herridge 0; Lister 1, Miss Eveling 0; Miss Baker 1, Boutland 0; Derlien 1, Miss Eveling 0; Lister 1, Bond 0; Miss Herridge 1, Bond 0.

Handicap results.—Armitage beat Berg; Anderton beat McClusky (2); Boutland beat Ree; Bardsley beat Ward; Bodkin beat Jago

(2), Evill (2), Rynders (2), Armitage (2), Wilson, and Harper (2); Duffell beat Armitage and Kennedy; Miss Drummond beat Milburn; Fairclough beat Murgatroyd; Harper beat Hamilton; Hamilton beat Harper and Wilson; Jackson beat Sir S. Shead, Stoneman and Barker; Johnstone beat Hopkins and Houghton (2); Kennedy beat Miss New (2), Wilcox, McClusky, Duffell, Rynders and Hopkins; King, D. B., beat Hopkins (2); Lesser beat Oldfield; Lister beat Garrus; Martin beat Macvane, Rapley and Marquis (2); Milburn beat Browning and Murgatroyd (2); Murgatroyd beat Fairclough; McCluskey beat Kennedy; Rynders beat Anderton; Rapley beat Murgatroyd and Hamilton (2); Sir S. Shead beat Jackson; Simeon beat Browning; Tyzack beat Murray and Gosling (2); Tapsfield beat West; Whicher beat Bodkin and Evill; Wilcox beat Somerville, Organ and Harper; Wilmshurst beat Somerville; Browning beat Milburn, Simeon and Boutland; West beat Tapsfield, Terry (2) and Organ.

Draws.—Anderton *v.* Rynders, Behrndt *v.* Day, Berg *v.* Wilcox, Fairclough *v.* Wilcox, Ripley; Heath *v.* Wilmshurst (2), Harper *v.* Whicher, Kennedy *v.* Wilcox, Martin *v.* Macvane, Ward *v.* Wilcox, Organ *v.* Wilcox.

New Knock-out Tourney.—Lesser beat Terry; Kennedy beat Duffell; Parsons beat Boutland; Bussell beat Griffin; Ward beat Oldfield; Coole beat McClusky; Lawrence beat Harper; Jones beat Brayne; West beat Murray; Wilcox and Jayne drew. There are still nine results to come to hand. Winners enter the Gold Medal Section, and losers the Silver Medal Section. Unfinished games to be forwarded on August 31st. J. McClusky has been compelled to retire owing to his sight failing.

Old Knock-out.—McDonald beat Terry.

The annual general meeting will be held in London on October 4th.

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GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME NO. 5,730.

Played in the sixth round of the British championship at Edinburgh. Notes by M. E. Goldstein.

Queen's Gambit Accepted.

WHITE
G. S. A. WHEATCROFT

BLACK
C. B. HEATH

- 1 P—Q 4 1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4 2 P×P
3 Kt—K B 3 3 P—K 4

.....The idea of this novelty appears to be to hold the gambit Pawn at the expense of a centre Pawn. The alternative 3... B—Kt 5; 4 Kt—K 5, B—R 4; 5 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—Q 2! has not yet been demolished.

- 4 Kt×P 4 B—Kt 5 ch
5 Kt—B 3 5 P—Q Kt 4
6 P—Q R 4 6 P—K B 3

.....Apprehensive of danger by 7 P—K 3, threatening 8 P×P and 9 Q—B 3. But the text-move creates a fresh weakness of which White takes skilful advantage ten moves later.

- 7 Kt—B 3 7 P—B 3
8 P—K Kt 3 8 B—Kt 2
9 B—Kt 2 9 P—Q R 3
10 Castles 10 Kt—K 2
11 P—K 4

White's obvious advantage in position is sufficient to discredit Black's system of defence.

- 11 Castles
12 P—K 5 12 Kt—Q 2
13 P×P 13 Kt×P
14 Kt—Kt 5 14 R—K 1
15 P×P

If at once 15 B—R 3, Black can defend himself by 15... B—B 1.

15 R P×P

(See Diagram)

- 16 B—R 3!!

The object of this totally unexpected Rook sacrifice is simply

to prevent the defensive resource, B—B 1! Black's defence now becomes extremely difficult, and it is only possible to indicate the leading lines of play, which perplexed a large circle of analysts for many an hour.

- 16 R×R
17 B—K 6 ch 17 K—B 1
18 Q—B 3

White wished to play the brilliant continuation 18 Kt×P ch, Kt×Kt; 19 Q—B 3 ch, Kt—B 3; 20 Q×Kt ch! P×Q; 21 B—R 6 mate, but rightly rejected it on account of the interposition, 19... Kt—B 4.

18 Kt—Q 4

.....A very plausible move; but 18... Kt—Kt 3 would have occasioned White more trouble, e.g., 19 Kt×Kt P, P—R 3; 20 Kt—R 7 ch, K—K 2; 21 B—B 5, etc., or 19 Q Kt—K 4, K—K 2! or 19 Kt×P ch! K—K 2; 20 Kt×Kt, R—B 1!

- 19 Q Kt—K 4 19 B—B 1

.....At last! But it is of no avail. If 19... P—R 3 (or 19... K—K 2; 20 Q—K 2); 20 Kt—R 7 ch, K—K 2; 21 B×Kt.

- 20 Kt×P ch 20 K—K 2
21 B×Kt 21 Q×B
22 Kt(R7)×Kt 22 P×Kt
23 Q×P ch 23 K—Q 2
24 Q—Kt 7 ch 24 K—Q 1
25 Kt—B 6

Here 26 B—Kt 5 ch, B—K 2; 27 B×B ch, R×B; 28 Q—B 8 ch was tempting, but after 28... R—K 1 White has nothing better than perpetual check by 29 Q—B 6 ch, etc.

25 R×B!

.....Black in his turn lays a trap. 26 Kt×Q cannot be played because of the mate in three by 26.., R×R ch; 27 K×R, B—R 6 ch; 28 K—Kt 1, R—K 8; nor can White play 26 Kt×R on account of 26.., B—R 6!

- 26 R×R 26 Q—B 6
27 Kt×R 27 B—K R 6

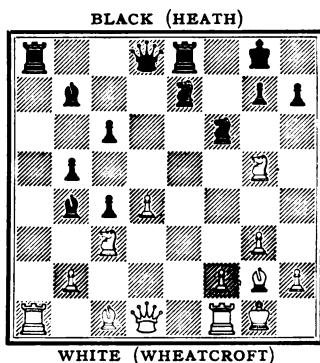
.....A fatal blunder, allowing White to force off Queens and leave an end-game the Exchange and two Pawns ahead. But even after 27.., K×Kt White has winning chances, for Black's Queen is tied down to the defence of her Q B, and after a little preparation White will be able to advance his K R P to Queen.

- 28 Q—B 6 ch 26 Q×Q
29 Kt×Q 29 K—K 2
30 Kt—K 4 30 B—K B 4
31 P—B 3 31 K—K 3
32 K—B 2 32 B—B 1

- 33 P—Kt 4 33 B—Kt 3
34 P—R 4

And White won after a few more moves. If Mr. Wheatcroft lives up to the promise of this game he has a brilliant future in the chess world before him.

Position after 15.., R P×P.



Other games from the same tournament.

GAME No. 5,731.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
M. E. GOLDSTEIN	R. P. MICHELL			M. E. GOLDSTEIN	R. P. MICHELL		
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	24 Kt×Kt	24 B P×Kt				
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3	25 Kt—K 5	25 Kt×Kt				
3 Kt—K B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	26 P×Kt	26 Q—R 3				
4 B—K Kt 5	4 Q Kt—Q 2	27 R—B 5	27 R—Kt 3				
5 Kt—B 3	5 B—K 2	28 K—R 2	28 Q—Kt 4				
6 P—K 3	6 Castles	29 P—Kt 3	29 R—K B 1				
7 R—B 1	7 P—B 3	30 K—Kt 2	30 Q—B 4				
8 B—Q 3	8 P—Q R 3	31 Q R—B 1	31 P—K R 4				
9 P×P	9 K P×P	32 Q—Kt 2	32 Q—K 3				
10 Castles	10 R—K 1	33 R—Q R 1	33 P—R 5				
11 B—B 4	11 Kt—B 1	34 K—R 2	34 R—B 6				
12 P—K R 3	12 B—Q 3	35 R—K Kt 1	35 P×P ch				
13 B×B	13 Q×B	36 P×P	36 R×K P				
14 Q—B 2	14 Kt—Kt 3	37 R—R 8 ch	37 K—R 2				
15 B—B 5	15 B×B	38 Q—Kt 8	38 R—K 7 ch				
16 Q×B	16 R—K 2	39 R—Kt 2	39 R×R ch				
17 Q—Kt 1	17 Q R—K 1	40 K×R	40 R—R 3				
18 P—Q Kt 4	18 Kt—K 5	41 P—Kt 4	41 Q—B 2				
19 P—Q R 4	19 P—K B 4	42 Q—R 8 ch	42 K—Kt 3				
20 P—Kt 5	20 R P×P	43 Q—K B 8	43 Q—B 6 ch				
21 R P×P	21 Q—B 3	44 Q×Q	44 P×Q ch				
22 P×P	22 P×P	45 K×P	45 R×P ch				
23 Q—Kt 6	23 R—K 3	46 K—B 4	46 R—Q B 6				

and wins.

GAME NO. 5,732.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
J. H. BLAKE		W. GOODING		J. H. BLAKE		W. GOODING	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	23	Q—B 3	23	P—Q B 4
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K 3	24	Q P×P	24	R×R ch
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	Kt—K B 3	25	B×R	25	P×P
4	B—Kt 5	4	B—K 2	26	P×P	26	B—B 3
5	P—K 3	5	Castles	27	Kt—Q 4	27	Q×P
6	Kt—B 3	6	Q Kt—Q 2	28	Kt×B 3	28	Q×Q
7	R—B 1	7	P—B 3	29	Kt—K 7 ch ?	29	Kt×Kt
8	B—Q 3	8	P×P	30	R×Q	30	Kt—Q 2
9	B×P	9	Kt—Q 4	31	Kt—K 4	31	P—B 4
10	B×B	10	Q×B	32	B—R 4	32	Kt—K 4
11	Kt—K 4	11	R—Q 1	33	Kt—Q 6	33	R—Q 1
12	Castles	12	Kt—B 1	34	R—K 3	34	K Kt—Kt 3
13	Q—Kt 3	13	Q—B 2	35	B—Kt 3	35	K—B 1
14	Kt—Kt 3	14	Q—Kt 3	36	B×P	36	P—B 5
15	Q—B 2	15	B—Q 2	37	R—Q Kt 3	37	K—K 2
16	P—K 4	16	Kt—K 2	38	B—R 3	38	Kt—B 5
17	K R—Q 1	17	B—K 1	39	R—Kt 7 ch	39	K—B 3
18	Q—B 3	18	Q R—B 1	40	R—B 7 ch	40	K—Kt 4
19	P—Kt 4	19	Q—B 2	41	R—B 5 ch	41	K—R 5
20	B—Kt 3	20	Q—Kt 1	42	R—Q 5	42	Kt×Kt
21	Q—B 5	21	K Kt—Kt 3	43	B—K 6	43	Kt—K 4
22	P—K 5	22	P—Kt 3	44	P×Kt		Resigns

GAME NO. 5,733.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W. GOODING		G. S. A. WHEATCROFT		W. GOODING		G. S. A. WHEATCROFT	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	28	R—Kt 2	27	Q×P ch
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K Kt 3	29	Q×Q ch	28	Kt—Kt 5
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	B—Kt 2	30	Kt—K 4	29	R×Q
4	P—K 4	4	P—Q 3	31	B—K 2	30	R—Kt 2
5	P—B 4	5	Castles	32	Kt×P	31	Kt—K 4
6	B—K 2	6	P—B 4	33	K×R	32	R×R ch
7	P—Q 5	7	P—K 3	34	Kt—K 4	33	P—Kt 3
8	Kt—B 3	8	P×P	35	K—Kt 3	34	K—Kt 2
9	K P×P	9	R—K 1	36	B—B 3	35	Kt—Kt 3
10	Castles	10	Kt—Kt 5	37	P—R 3	36	P—K R 3
11	P—K R 3	11	Kt—K 6	38	Kt—Q 6	37	P—B 4
12	B×Kt	12	R×B	39	P—Kt 4	38	K—B 3
13	Q—Q 2	13	R—K 1	40	P×P	39	K—K 4
14	B—Q 3	14	Kt—Q 2	41	Kt—B 7 ch	40	P×P
15	Q R—K 1	15	Kt—B 3	42	B—R 5	41	K—Q 5
16	R×R ch	16	Q×R	43	K—B 4	42	Kt—K 2
17	R—K 1	17	Q—B 1	44	P—Q 6	43	B—K 1
18	P—B 5	18	B—Q 2	45	B—B 3	44	Kt—B 1
19	P—K Kt 4	19	P×P	46	Kt—K 5 ch	45	K×P
20	P×P	20	R—K 1	47	P—Q 7	46	K—Kt 6
21	R—K B 1	21	B—R 3	48	Kt×B	47	B×P
22	Kt—Kt 5	22	Q—Kt 2	49	B—Q 5	48	P—B 5
23	P—K R 4	23	Kt—Kt 5	50	Kt×Kt	49	Kt—Kt 3
24	P—B 6	24	Kt×P	51	K×P ?	50	P×Kt
25	Q—B 4	25	B×Kt	52	K—K 5	51	P—Kt 4
26	P×B	26	R—K 4			52	K—Kt 7
27	R—B 2						Resigns

(27 P—Kt 6 wins).

GAME No. 5734.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. SAUNDERS	G. S. A. WHEATCROFT			H. SAUNDERS	G. S. A. WHEATCROFT		
1 P—K Kt 3		1 Kt—K B 3		22 P—Kt 5		22 Kt—B 4	
2 B—Kt 2		2 P—K Kt 3		23 B—K B 1		23 Kt—Q 6	
3 P—K 4		3 P—Q 3		24 B×Kt		24 P×B	
4 P—Q 4		4 B—Kt 2		25 Q×P		25 B—K 3	
5 Kt—K 2		5 Kt—B 3		26 P×P		26 P×P	
6 Castles		6 Castles		27 Q—R 6		27 Q R—B 1	
7 P—Q B 3		7 P—K 4		28 P—Kt 5		28 Kt—Q 4	
8 Q—Kt 3		8 Q—K 2		29 Kt—K 4		29 Q—K 2	
9 P—Q 5		9 Kt—Kt 1		30 Kt—B 4		30 K R—Q 1	
10 Kt—R 3		10 Kt—R 4		31 R—Kt 1		31 B—B 4	
11 B—Q 2		11 P—K B 4		32 B—R 5		32 R—Kt 1	
12 P×P		12 P×P		33 R—K 1		33 R—Q 2	
13 Q R—K 1		13 Kt—Q 2		34 Q×B P		34 B×Kt	
14 Q—Q 1		14 Q—B 2		35 P×B		35 Kt—Kt 5	
15 P—Q Kt 4		15 P—B 5		36 B×Kt		36 R×B	
16 P—B 3		16 Q×Q P		37 P—K R 4		37 R—B 2	
17 P—Kt 4		17 K Kt—B 3		38 Q—Q 5 ch		38 Q—B 2	
18 Q—B 2		18 Q—B 2		39 Q—Q 8 ch		39 B—B 1	
19 P—B 4		19 P—B 3		40 Kt×P		40 Q—Kt 2	
20 R—B 2		20 P—Q 4		41 R×P		41 R (B 2)—Kt 2	
21 Kt—B 3		21 P×P		42 Q R—K B 1		Resigns	

GAME No. 5735.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
G. S. A.	WHEATCROFT	M. E.	GOLDSTEIN	G. S. A.	WHEATCROFT	M. E.	GOLDSTEIN
1 P—Q 4		1 P—Q 4		21 Kt—B 6		21 Q—Q 3	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K 3		22 Kt—K 4		22 Kt×Kt	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 P—Q B 3		23 Q×Kt		23 P—Kt 3	
4 P—K 3		4 Kt—B 3		24 B—R 6		24 K R—Q B 1	
5 Kt—B 3		5 Q Kt—Q 2		25 Q—K 5		25 P—B 3	
6 B—Q 3		6 P×P		26 Kt×B ch		26 Q×Kt	
7 B×P		7 P—Q Kt 4		27 Q—Kt 3		27 K—B 2	
8 B—Q 3		8 P—Q R 3		28 B—K B 4		28 Kt—Q 4	
9 Castles		9 P—B 4		29 B—Q 6		29 Q—Q 2	
10 P—Q R 4		10 P—Kt 5		30 B—B 5		30 B—B 3	
11 Kt—Kt 1		11 B—Kt 2		31 P—Q Kt 3		31 Kt—B 6	
12 Q Kt—Q 2		12 B—K 2		32 R—K 1		32 B—Q 4	
13 Q—K 2		13 Castles		33 B—B 4		33 K—Kt 2	
14 R—Q 1		14 Q—B 2		34 Q—Kt 4		34 R—K 1	
15 Kt—B 4		15 P—Q R 4		35 R—K 3		35 Q R—B 1	
16 B—Q 2		16 K R—Q 1		36 Q R—K 1		36 B×B	
17 Q Kt—K 5		17 P×P		37 P×B		37 R—B 3	
18 Q R—B 1		18 Q—Kt 1		38 R×Kt		38 P×R	
19 P×P		19 Kt—Kt 3		39 Q—B 3		39 P—B 7	
20 Kt—Kt 5		20 R—K B 1		40 Q—B 3		40 P—K 4	
				Resigns			

GAME NO. 5,736.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
R. P. MICHELL		H. B. UBER		R. P. MICHELL		H. B. UBER	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	17	P×P	17	B—B 2
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K 3	18	Kt—Q Kt 3	18	R—K 3
3	Kt—K B 3	3	P—Q B 3	19	B—Q 2	19	B—Kt 1
4	P—K 3	4	Kt—Q 2	20	P×P	20	P×P
5	Q Kt—Q 2	5	P—K B 4	21	R—Q R 1	21	R×R
6	B—Q 3	6	Q—B 3	22	R×R	22	B—Q 3
7	P×P	7	K P×P	23	R—R 8	23	Kt—Kt 1
8	Castles	8	B—K 2	24	Kt—Kt 3	24	R—K 2
9	R—K 1	9	K—Q 1	25	Kt—Q R 5	25	P—Q B 4
10	Q—B 2	10	Kt—R 3	26	P×P	26	B—K 4
11	R—Q Kt 1	11	R—K 1	27	Q—Kt 3	27	Kt—Q 2
12	Kt—B 1	12	P—K Kt 4	28	Kt—Kt 7 ch	28	K—B 2
13	P—Q Kt 4	13	P—Kt 5	29	B—R 5 ch	29	Kt—Kt 3
14	K Kt—Q 2	14	P—Q R 3	30	Kt—Q 6	30	B×Kt (Q 3)
15	P—Q R 4	15	B—Q 3	31	Q×Kt ch	31	K—Q 2
16	P—Kt 5	16	R P×P	32	Q—Q 8 ch		Resigns

GAME NO. 5,737.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
G. S. A. WHEATCROFT		F. D. YATES		G. S. A. WHEATCROFT		F. D. YATES	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	31	Q×R	31	Q—Q 3
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—Q Kt 3	32	Q—K 4	32	K—B 2
3	Kt—K B 3	3	B—Kt 2	33	B—K 3	33	K—K 3
4	P—K Kt 3	4	P—K 3	34	K—Kt 2	34	K—Q 2
5	B—Kt 2	5	B—K 2	35	Q—B 2	35	K—B 1
6	Castles	6	Castles	36	K—B 2	36	K—Kt 1
7	Kt—Q B 3	7	P—Q 3	37	K—K 2	37	Q—K 3
8	Q—B 2	8	Q Kt—Q 2	38	Q—Q 3	38	P—K B 4
9	R—Q 1	9	P—B 4	39	Q—B 2	39	P—K R 4
10	P—K 4	10	Q—Kt 1	40	P—K Kt 5	40	Q—Q 3
11	P—Q Kt 3	11	R—Q 1	41	B—B 2	41	K—Kt 2
12	B—Kt 2	12	P—Q R 3	42	P—K R 4	42	K—B 3
13	P—K R 3	13	R—R 2	43	K—B 1	43	Q—K 3
14	P—K 5	14	B×Kt	44	K—K 2	44	P—K 5
15	B×B	15	P×K P	45	P×P	45	P×P
16	P—Q 5	16	P×P	46	Q—Q 2	46	B—Q 3
17	Kt×P	17	Kt×Kt	47	Q—K 3	47	Q—Kt 5 ch
18	R×Kt	18	P—B 3	48	K—K 1	48	B—K 4
19	Q R—Q 1	19	Kt—B 1	49	K—B 1	49	B—Q 5
20	Q—B 5	20	P—K Kt 3	50	Q—Kt 3	50	Q×Q
21	R×R	21	B×R	51	B×Q	51	P—Q Kt 4
22	B—Q 5 ch	22	K—Kt 2	52	K—K 2	52	P×P
23	Q—K 4	23	R—Q 2	53	P×P	53	K—Q 2
24	P—K Kt 4	24	Kt—K 3	54	K—B 1	54	K—K 3
25	R—K B 1	25	Kt—B 5	55	K—Kt 2	55	K—B 4
26	K—R 2	26	Q—Q 3	56	K—B 1	56	K—Kt 5
27	R—Q 1	27	B—B 2	57	B—K 1	57	K—B 6
28	P—K B 3	28	Q—K 2	58	B—R 5	58	P—K 6
29	B—B 1	29	Kt×B	59	B—K 1	59	P—K 7
30	R×Kt	30	R×R				mate.

GAME No. 5,738.

King's Knight's Gambit.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
C. B. HEATH		R. P. MICHELL		C. B. HEATH		R. P. MICHELL	
1	P-K 4	1	P-K 4	30	Kt×R	30	P-K B 4
2	P-K B 4	2	P×P	31	Kt-B 3	31	R-K 1
3	Kt-K B 3	3	P-Q 4	32	K-B 3	32	K-Kt 2
4	P×P	4	Kt-K B 3	33	Kt-Q 1	33	K-B 3
5	B-Kt 5 ch.	5	Q Kt-Q 2	34	P-K R 4	34	R-K 4
6	Kt-Q B 3	6	Q-K 2 ch	35	Kt-Q B 3	35	B-K B 1
7	B-K 2	7	P-K Kt 3	36	R×P	36	R×R ch
8	Castles	8	B-R 3	37	K×R	37	K-K 4
9	P-Q 4	9	Castles	38	P-R 3	38	B-B 4 ch
10	R-K 1	10	Kt-Kt 3	39	K-B 3	39	P-Q R 3
11	B-B 4	11	Q-Q 1	40	Kt-K 2	40	B-Q B 1
12	B-Kt 3	12	Q Kt×P	41	Kt-B 4	41	B-Kt 2
13	Kt×Kt	13	Kt×Kt	42	B-R 2	42	B-K 2
14	Kt-K 5	14	P-Q B 3	43	Kt-Q 3 ch	43	K-Q 3
15	Q-B 3	15	Q-R 5	44	Kt-B 4	44	B-B 3
16	B-Q 2	16	B-K 3	45	P-Q Kt 4	45	P-Q Kt 4
17	P-B 4	17	Kt-K 6	46	K-K 6	46	B-Kt 7
18	P-Kt 3	18	Q-R 6	47	Kt-B 8	47	B×P ch
19	B×Kt	19	P×B	48	B×R	48	K×B
20	P-Q 5	20	P×P	49	Kt×R P	49	B×P
21	P×P	21	B-B 4	50	Kt-B 8	50	B×P
22	Kt-B 4	22	B-Kt 5	51	Kt×P	51	P-R 4
23	Q-Kt 2	23	Q R-K 1	52	K-K 3	52	K-B 5
24	Q×Q	24	B×Q	53	Kt-K 5 ch	53	K-Kt 6
25	Q R-Q 1	25	B-Q 2	54	Kt-Q 3	54	B-B 1
26	Kt-Q 6	26	R-K 2	55	P-R 5	55	P-R 5
27	R-Q 4	27	P-Kt 3	56	K-Q 4	56	P-R 6
28	K-Kt 2	28	K-R 1	57	Kt-B 1 ch	57	K-B 7
29	R-K 4	29	R×R	58	Kt-Q 3	58	P-R 7
					Resigns		

GAME No. 5,739.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. B. UBER		F. D. YATES		H. B. UBER		F. D. YATES	
1	Kt-K B 3	1	Kt-K B 3	15	P-K B 4	15	P×Q P
2	P-Q Kt 3	2	P-B 4	16	K P×P	16	P×P
3	B-Kt 2	3	P-Q Kt 3	17	Q Kt×P	17	P-Q Kt 4
4	P-K 3	4	B-Kt 2	18	Kt-K 3	18	Q-Kt 3
5	P-Q 4	5	P-K 3	19	Kt×Kt	19	B×Kt
6	B-Q 3	6	Kt-B 3	20	K-R 1	20	Kt-Q 4
7	Castles	7	B-K 2	21	P-B 5	21	B-Kt 4
8	Q Kt-Q 2	8	Castles	22	Kt×Kt	22	B×Kt
9	P-Q B 4	9	R-Q B 1	23	Q-R 5	23	P-K R 3
10	Q-K 2	10	Kt-Q Kt 5	24	P×P	24	Q×K P
11	B-Kt 1	11	P-Q 4	25	B-Q 3	25	P-Kt 3
12	P-Q R 3	12	Kt-B 3	26	Q-K 2	26	Q×Q
13	K R-Q 1	13	Q-B 2	27	B×Q	27	R-B 7
14	Kt-K 5	14	K R-Q 1		Resigns		

PROBLEM WORLD

By B. G. LAWS.

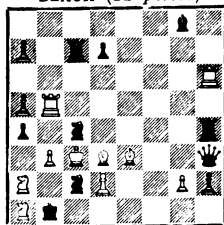
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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The fifth international problem tourney has not proved to be so satisfactory as the promoters could have wished. In the two-move section only 37 entries were received and but seven in the three-move section. In the latter case three for certain reasons must be disqualified and as regards the remaining four it is doubtful if two of them really comply with the conditions. It is certain two do not, but the judges will have to decide the matter. On the whole it looks as if the committee will be justified in returning to the respective contributors to the competition their entries and cancelling the tourney.

By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE
(London).

BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Reflex mate in two

REFLEX CHESS.

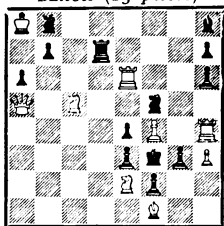
We give another specimen problem which will be found to be full of life and variety. The "half-pin" device we believe is quite new in this class of composition, and is here cleverly manipulated. For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with Reflex problems we repeat the stipulations, namely: White undertakes to force Black to mate, with the provision that Mate must be given by either party when this is possible on the move.

TOURNEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS CLUBS (F.I.D.E.), 1926.

First Prize.

By Karl HARDER.

BLACK (13 pieces)

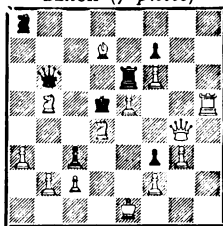


WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By O. Nagy.

BLACK (7 pieces)

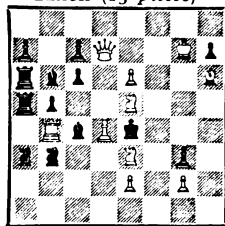


WHITE (13 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By R. KINTZIG.

BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

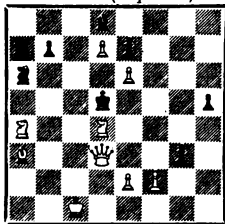
Fourth, L. B. Salkind ; fifth, J. Hartong ; sixth, J. Opdenoordt.
Hon. mentions, Dr. F. Rduch, V. Marin, I. Gross, K. Erlin and O. Nemo, W. Karsch and A. W. Daniel.

"DAILY NEWS" TOURNEY, HALF-YEAR, 1926.

Prize Problems.

By A. C. CHALLENGER
(London).

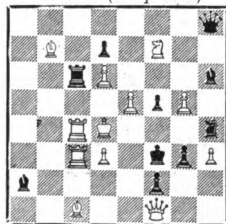
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

By W. T. HARDING
(Manchester).

BLACK (10 pieces)



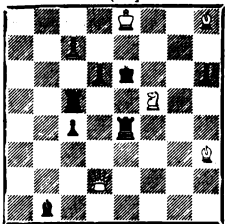
WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in two.

CHAKMATI TOURNEY, 1925.

Two-Movers.

First Prize (*ex æquo*).
By P. E. NEUNYWAKO.

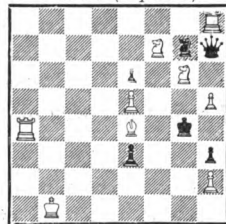
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in two.

First Prize (*ex æquo*).
By S. P. FILORETOW.

BLACK (6 pieces)

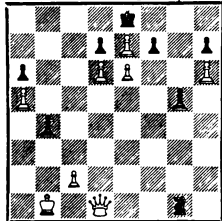


WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Three-Movers.

First Prize.
By N. KARZEW.

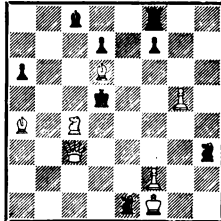
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By F. A. L. KUBBEL.

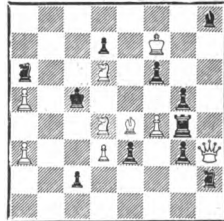
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.
By W. J. SCHIFS.

BLACK (11 pieces)



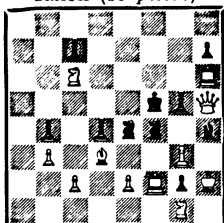
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

"FRANKISCHEN ARBEITER SCHACHZEITUNG" TOURNEY.

First Prize.

By P. WAHLMARK.

BLACK (10 pieces)



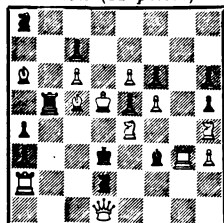
WHITE (19 pieces)

Self-mate in two.

Second Prize.

By P. WAHLMARK

BLACK (12 pieces)



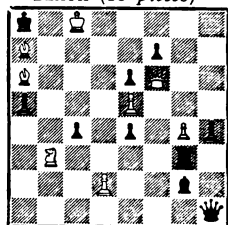
WHITE (12 pieces)

Self-mate in two.

The annexed is a version of E. Kadera's problem we gave March last. In June Mr. Gibbins contributed a rendering which was unsound and this has suggested to Mr. Alexander the accompanying. It will be noticed a White Knight has been used, but this seems really necessary to preserve all the points.

By F. F. L. ALEXANDER
(after E. Kadera).

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in three.

BABSONTASK AWARD.

From the *-Brentano's Tasks* to the Babsontask.

In 1881-82 *Brentano's Chess Monthly* offered prizes for four-move problems based upon the following ideas:—

1. "The advancement of four White Pawns to eighth rank, claiming Knight at each move;
2. "The advancement of a White Pawn in four variations, in one of which the Pawn must claim Queen, in one Rook, in one Bishop, and in the other Knight.;
3. "The advancement of a Black Pawn to eighth rank, creating four different variations according to whether said Pawn claims a Queen, Rook, Bishop or Knight."

Of the three tasks, the third proved the most difficult. It was first achieved by Otto Wurzburg in 1913 (A), and later by Dr. H. W. Bettmann (in 1916—see B). In 1907 Alain C. White had already accomplished the task in two-move and three-move (C) self-mate form.

In 1913 Joseph N. Babson composed a three-move self-mate based on a new theme, which was defined as "the four-fold promotion of a Black Pawn countered by the same four promotions of one or more White Pawns." Mr. White christened the new task "the Babsontask" in honour of its originator, and offered a prize for another sound rendering, which was won by Mr. Babson, three White Pawns being promoted in the winning problem (D).

In 1924 Mr. Babson published Problem E, which was highly praised, and which requires the promotion of only two White Pawns after the key-move.

The next chapter in the development of the *Brentano's* tasks and the Babsontask was the achievement in 1925 by Mr. Babson of no less a feat

than ACTUALLY COMBINING THE SECOND AND THIRD BRENTANO'S TASKS in a three-move self-mate, i.e., composing a problem in which the four-fold promotion of a single Black Pawn on a single square was answered by the same four promotions of SINGLE WHITE PAWN on a single square. Mr. Babson's problem, however, contained promoted (or obtrusive) pieces in the diagram, and the informal competition just closed was inaugurated for the purpose of eliminating the obtrusive pieces and retaining Mr. Banson's achievement of eight promotions by only two Pawns (one black and the other white).

Only one sound entry (duplicated as stated below) complying with these conditions was received, and it gives us great pleasure to reproduce the winning problem by Dr. H. W. Bettmann, which was received June 17th, 1925. The simplicity and ingenuity with which Dr. Bettmann has demonstrated the accurate combination of the promotions make the problem one of the most striking self-mates extant, the added minor promotion key being an interesting feature.

The exact catoptric counterpart of this problem (White King on h5, Black King on f6, etc.) was received February 7th, 1926, from Hugo August, of East Altenessen, Germany, and, with slight modification, from W. Krämer, of Essen-Dellwig, Germany, June 15th, 1926, the cash prize of twenty-five dollars being captured by Dr. Bettmann's earlier problem, and book prizes going to Messrs. August and Krämer.

An ingenious rendering of the task in four-move self-mate form was received from Knud Hannemann, of Randers, Denmark. Several other composers attempted the task, but their renderings were inaccurate in some particular of the promotions, or otherwise faulty. Books will be sent to each as a souvenir of the occasion.

CONDITIONS FOR A SECOND \$25.00 CASH PRIZE COMPETITION.

In only one detail does it now seem that the task can be carried any further, namely in avoiding the captures by the Black Pawn. This further refinement might well be christened THE PERFECT BABSONTASK, and defined as "the four-fold promotion of a non-capturing Black Pawn answered by the same four promotions of a non-capturing White Pawn." For the best sound and legal rendering of the "Perfect Babsontask" in three-move self-mate form a CASH PRIZE of twenty dollars is hereby offered, and this prize will be increased to twenty-five dollars if the winning problem also has a non-capturing promotion key-move. By the term "legal rendering" is meant that the problems must be possible in actual play, and that no promoted (or obtrusive) piece may appear in the diagram. The Black Pawn may of course capture in an added or subsidiary variation, but not in the four main lines of play.

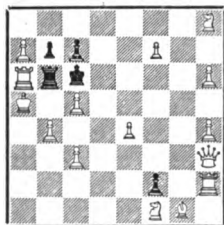
Every rendering of the "Perfect Babsontask," sound in the four promotion variations, will receive a book prize, except that not more than one book will be awarded to any one competitor. This applies also to versions with obtrusive pieces, which are valuable as furnishing possible clues for further experiment.

One copy of each entry should be sent to Alain C. White, Litchfield, Conn., U.S.A., and two additional copies of each to R. E. Powers, 1177 Quivas Street, Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. Entries may be received up to July 1st, 1928, and any competitor may enter more than one problem, if he so desires.

Entries will be tested by Mr. Powers, and, in case of several sound versions being received, an award will be made by Mr. White. The soundness of the four promotion variations, the absence of obtrusive pieces, the presence of a non-capturing key, or both, and the economy of the renderings will be the points emphasised in the award. In the case of two identical (or practically identical as in the case of the entries of Messrs. Bettmann, August and Krämer in the contest just closed) entries being sent in, then the composer whose problem is first received (allowance being made for distance in the mails) will win the cash prize.

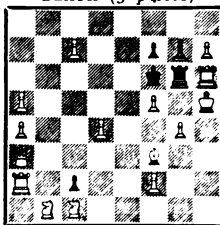
R. E. POWERS.
ALAIN C. WHITE.

First Prize.
Dr. H. W. BETTMANN.
 June, 1925.
BLACK (5 pieces)



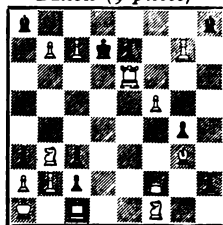
WHITE (15 pieces)
 Self-mate in three.
 1 P—R 8 becomes B.

Book Prize.
W. KRÄMER (Essen-
Dellwig, Germany),
 June 3rd, 1926.
BLACK (5 pieces)



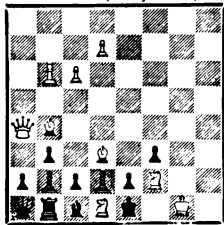
WHITE (15 pieces)
 Self-mate in three.
 1 P—R 8 becomes B.

Book Prize.
By KNUD HANNEMANN
(Randers, Denmark),
 June 7th, 1926.
BLACK (9 pieces)



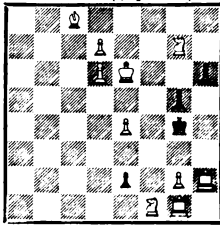
WHITE (13 pieces)
 Self-mate in four.
 1 P×KB becomes R.

A
By OTTO WURZBURG,
Norwich Mercury,
 April 8th, 1913.
BLACK (11 pieces)



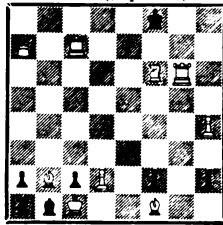
WHITE (9 pieces)
 Mate in four.
 1 B—Kt 5.

B
By Dr. H.W. BETTMANN,
Pittsburg Gazette Times
 April 2nd, 1916.
BLACK (4 pieces)



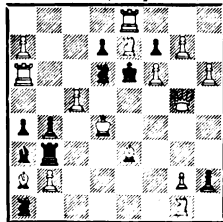
WHITE (10 pieces)
 Mate in four.
 1 Kt—R 5.

C
By ALAIN C. WHITE,
Mats Inverses, 1907,
Frontispiece.
BLACK (7 pieces)



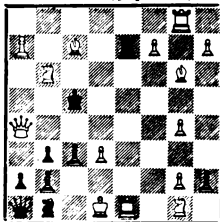
WHITE (9 pieces)
 Self-mate in three.
 1 Q R—K Kt 7.

D
By JOSEPH N. BABSON,
Pittsburgh Gazette Times
 March 1st, 1914.
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (15 pieces)
 Self-mate in three.
 1 P—R 7.

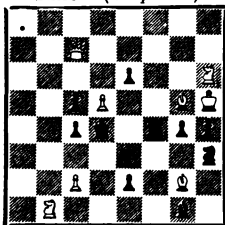
E
By JOSEPH N. BABSON,
American Chess Bulletin
 February, 1924.
BLACK (9 pieces)



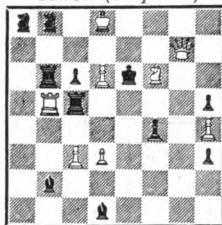
WHITE (14 pieces)
 Self-mate in three.
 1 P—B 8 becomes B.

"WIENER SCHACHZEITUNG" TOURNEY.

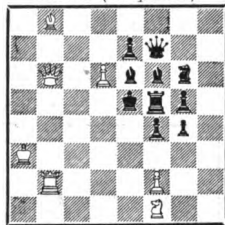
First Prize.

By R. WEINHEIMER
BLACK (10 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By T. SALAMANCA
BLACK (11 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By Dr. F. RDUCH.
BLACK (10 pieces)WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Fourth, O. Votruba ; fifth, T. Salamanca ; sixth, O. Nemo.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2571, by A. Ellerman.—1 Kt—Q 1. An illustration to show how a Black Queen with fair freedom can be controlled without allowing a dual mate—clever at that, but nothing more.

No. 2,572, by W. Langstaff.—1 Q Kt—B 6. The self-pinning of the Queen by the key is a good but novel feature. The defences to the threat and consequent replies are ingeniously schemed.

No. 2,573, by J. Bronowski.—1 Q—K R 8, K—Kt 4 ; 2 B—B 3. If 1..., others ; 2 Q—B 6. We are indebted to Mr. Gibbins for this dainty Queen and Bishop three-mover. It is remarkable that with a scanty force there are no fewer than seven model mates. It is true when each of these mates are given, the moving pieces occupy the same squares—a veritable mating net.

No. 2,574, by K. S. Howard.—1 B—B 6 (threatening) ; 2 B—Q 5. If 1..., Q—K 3, Kt×B P ch. If 1..., B—K 3 ; 2 R (B 4)—B 5 ch. If..., Q R—Q 5 ; 2 Kt×Q P ch. If..., K R—Q 5 ; 2 R—K 4 ch. These are the principal lines of play of this fine composition, which, unfortunately, is spoiled as 1..., R—Q 3 seems to be an effective reply, as after 2 P×P, Q—B 1 ch is upsetting. Perhaps a Black Knight on this square would put matters right, but other troubles may be caused thereby. We are sure the author can put the problem in order.

By A. C. Challenger (p. 378).—1 R—B 7, P—Q 3 or K B moves ; 2 R—B 4 ch. If 1..., P—Q 4 ; 2 R—K 7 ch. If 1..., K—Q 4 ; 2 Q—K 2. If 1..., K—Q 6 ; 2 Q—Kt 2. If 1..., others ; 2 R×Q P. A fine key move with quiet threat—just the sort of problem to worry a solver with a time limit pending. There are good points here but Mr. Challenger does better!

By B. G. Laws (p. 378).—1 Kt—Q 3, B×P ; 2 Q—K 7 ch. If 1..., K×R ; 2 Q×Q P ch. If..., P—Q 3 ; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. If..., Kt×P or R×R ; 2 Kt—B 2 ch. If 1..., P×P ; 2 Kt—Kt 4. If 1..., B—B 4 ; 2 Q—K 5 ch. A sorry expedient in the give and take key and the triple threat. Here we have a kind of mating nets with the King at Q 4 and Q 6, with consequential models.

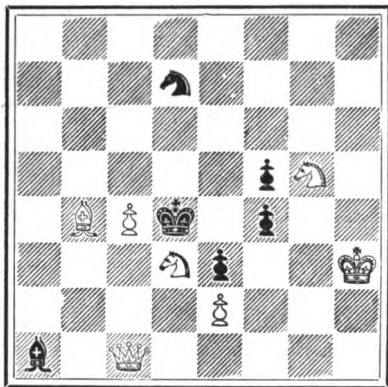
By F. C. Dixon (p. 379).—1 Q—K R 1. Were this not a mutate one would not see much in it, but as it happens with a fairly good and deceptive arrangement it is appreciably good.

By C. E. V. Berry (p. 379).—1 P—K 6. A posthumous work by Mr. Vincent Berry who composed a good many excellent two-movers. This is really a good specimen of what he was capable of.

Owing to pressure on our space a number of solutions have been held over.

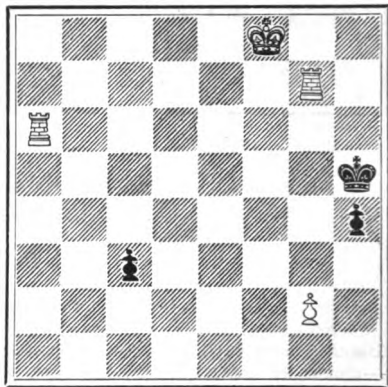
ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2579.

By HANDLEY RHODES
(London).BLACK (6 *pieces*)WHITE (7 *pieces*)

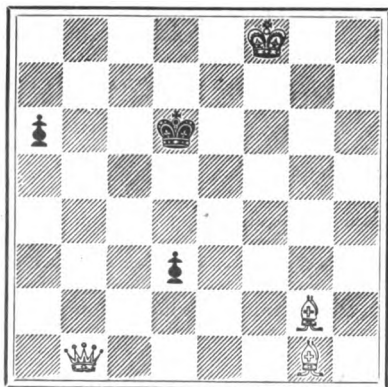
White mates in two moves.

No. 2580.

By N. M. GIBBINS
(London).BLACK (3 *pieces*)WHITE (4 *pieces*)

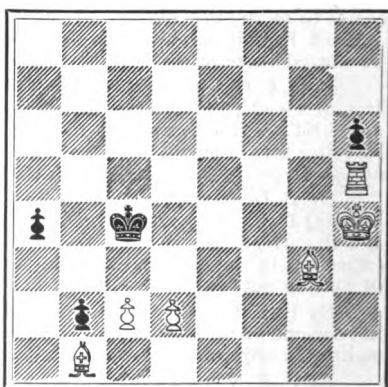
White mates in three moves.

No. 2581.

By B. J. de C. ANDRADE
(London).BLACK (3 *pieces*)WHITE (4 *pieces*)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2582.

By KENNETH S. HOWARD
(Rochester, U.S.A.).BLACK (4 *pieces*)WHITE (6 *pieces*)

White mates in four moves.

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CHAMPIONS.

NO. 3: MR. J. A. MCKEE, Champion of Scotland, 1926.

James Alexander McKee was born at Eastmuir, Glasgow, on March 9th, 1877, and was taught to play chess by the Rev. William Fraser, of Carsphairn, but he considers himself indebted to the late Richard Teichmann for much of his advanced knowledge of the game. He has on one previous occasion won the Scottish championship, namely in 1911, but the West of Scotland event and the Glasgow championship have each fallen to him seven times. In six matches for Scotland and the Northern Counties Chess Union he has won thrice and drawn thrice.

It is most unfortunate that he has only once been able to play in the British championship, for when he did this in 1911, he made an excellent fight, coming out fifth with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}$. This figure included the only win scored against H. E. Atkins (who eventually took the championship) and also points gained at the expense of R. P. Michell, R. E. Lean, J. H. Blake, E. Macdonald and A. West.



Photo

F. D. G. Crippen, Glasgow

JAMES A. M'KEE

Scottish Chess Champion, 1926

Mr. McKee is a keen philatelist and collector of books. We hope in the future he will have more time than in the past to devote to chessplaying; given this he would be a hot favourite for premier honours.

PHILIDOR.

September 6th was the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Philidor, who was born at Dreux, near Paris, on September 6th, 1726. At an early age he showed great skill in chess and could play well enough to beat an average player. He received instruction in chess from M. Legal, the best player in France, and was soon able to beat all comers. Philidor was brought up as a musician and it was not until he got stranded in Rotterdam in 1745 when on a musical tour, that he maintained himself by his superior knowledge of chess and Polish draughts. Incidentally it is said that when he moved from Holland to Germany it was music and not chess that enabled him to gain a living. It was in Holland during the war of the Austrian Succession when the armies of Europe were gathered there that Philidor prepared his first "Analyse" of chess, forty-five officers subscribed to 119 copies. Altogether the book had 127 subscribers and 433 copies were sold. Philidor came to London in 1847 to make arrangements for its publication, and he passed the next seven years, more or less, in this country. It was in England that his talent for chess received its best encouragement and its highest reward.

No chessplayer ever exercises so powerful an influence on the mind of his age as Philidor. We meet him in unexpected places. In purely literary works by various continental contemporary authors, where chess is named, it is always in connection with Philidor. The late Professor Tomlinson once said that Cowper, whose *Task* was published in 1785, had Philidor in mind when he somewhat spitefully asked :—

"Who would waste attention at the chequered board,
His host of wooden warriors to and fro
Marching and counter marching."

Philidor is said to have been a member of the London Chess Club for thirty years. When the club was re-formed at Parsloe's in 1774 it was no mere private collection of chess players. Statesmen, warriors, men of letters, all crowded forward to enter its ranks. The Bishop of Durham headed the list on which besides uncounted dukes, marquises and earls were found the historical names of Charles James Fox, Lord Mansfield of Erskine, Wedderburn and Marquis of Rockingham. The Duke of Athol, the grandfather of the chess problem composer, E.A.M.M. of Mhow (India), was also a member. Never before, or since, has any chess club had such an influential list of members.

The first step of the new club was to subscribe to a fund making it possible for Philidor to spend the season, February to May, every year in London, which he did up to 1792, occasionally varying his chess work by musical composition. In that period he composed the music for nine out of his twenty-three operas, and in 1789 produced a *Te Deum* to celebrate the recovery of George III; but music did not pay. He lived in an age when the best musicians were generally bankrupt and in poverty. Chess was a godsend to Philidor

who, by publishing books, giving exhibitions, and receiving an annual salary from the London and Paris chess clubs, was able to maintain a good position in life.

When the French revolution broke out Philidor did not wait until February but came to London at once and he never again returned to France. An American writer has suggested that in 1793 and 1794 this was not exactly due to the war, but that Philidor had a wholesome fear of another "celebrated" La Regence chessplayer. Maximilian Robespierre might have seen in him, not the harmless chessplayer, but the pensioner of two kings and the favourite of a fugitive pretender to the crown. One cannot say how far this is true, but Philidor did not make any application for a passport until after the death of Robespierre, much delay occurred, but he had strong hope of receiving it even up to the 20th June, 1795, when he advertised in London press that he would give a blindfold exhibition for the last time. On the 5th July he played two games with the Rev. George Attwood, which are recorded, and he never visited the club again. The passport was definitely refused. Philidor gave way to grief and, as the obituary notice says, "was kept alive for a few weeks merely by art and the kind attentions of an old friend."

Two new facts have come to light concerning Philidor. Twiss gave the date of his death as August 24th, 1795, and supported that statement by quoting a long obituary notice which he said appeared in the London papers of August 29th of that year, but *The Times*, in Mr. Tinsley's fine bicentenary article, points out that the death of Philidor appeared in their paper on Wednesday, September 2nd as occurring on Monday, August 31st, which date I think is undoubtedly correct. I find it confirmed in a local weekly, the *Norwich Mercury*, of Saturday, September 5th, 1795, in their London news, said: "Philidor, the great chess player, died on Monday," again indicating August 31st.

For the past hundred years or so the burial place of Philidor has not been known. All George Walker could say in 1837 was that his ashes rested somewhere in England. The Australian, William Harris, who came to England in 1842 to see Philidor's grave, wrote to Mr. Staunton saying, "it is to the everlasting disgrace of English amateurs that Philidor's place of interment is not known," and so things have remained. Lately I took the matter up and finding that neither Somerset House or the Records Office could help, visited, on August 24th last, the district in which Philidor died, to see if I could pick out a likely burial place. Having spotted the church of St. James, Piccadilly, I wrote to the Vicar and no one could be more surprised than myself when a reply came saying that Philidor was buried in their church on September 3rd, 1795. I have since seen the old register, which reads: "September 3rd, 1795. Francois Andrex Danican Philidor. M."

I quote the actual spelling. "M" at the end indicates a man. Now, knowing for certain that September 3rd was the actual date of burial it is quite reasonable to suppose that he died within four days

of that date. This would make August 31st correct. Twiss was certainly wrong in saying the 24th, and has misled the world for 120 years, but Twiss is wrong in many places.

St. James, Piccadilly, is one of Wren's churches. Its interior is said to be Wren's masterpiece. After a very long period of mystery and doubt it is some satisfaction to know that the ashes of the great Frenchman have rested in the keeping of a distinguished and important London church. The old register is kept in the church and can be seen any day from 10 to 1. Philidor is said to have died at 10 Ryder Street, in the parish of St. James, Westminster.

J. KEEBLE.

THE SPA MASTERS' TOURNAMENT.

It is very gratifying to be able to record a British success in the contest promoted by the Belgian Chess Federation at Spa, September 1st to 13th, when five foreign and seven Belgian experts met in a single-round tournament, and Sir George Thomas divided the first and second prizes with the young German master, F. Sämisch. He made a bad start, losing his first game to Max Romih; but after that he never looked back and numbered among his victims no less a master than Tartakover.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	
1 F. Sämisch	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	I-II III
2 Sir G. A. Thomas ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3 E. Sapira	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	
4 Dr. S. Tartakover ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	7	
5 A. Dunkelblum ..	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	6	
6 M. Romih	0	1	0	0	0	—	1	0	1	1	1	1	6	
7 V. Soultanbieff ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	1	0	1	1	1	6	
8 J. Davidson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	1	0	1	0	5	
9 G. Koltanowski ..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 A. Tackels	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1	3	
11 M. Varlin	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12 A. Lenglez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—	1	

Sämisch's success occasions no surprise. He is probably the best of Germany's post-war masters. In E. Sapira, Belgium, has a very promising young player. He only learnt the game a few years ago, but is a great enthusiast. It is hoped that he may have the opportunity of visiting England in the near future.

Tartakover, though he lost to no one but Thomas, failed to do himself justice. 4 wins are not many to set against 6 draws. Dunkelblum, who is, we believe, champion of the Machabi chess club, was the only Belgian to score against Sapira. Soultanbieff, however, in his turn beat Dunkelblum, and equalled his figure. Of the other players, Romih, Davidson and Koltanowski might have been expected to fare better than they did—which is not to say that the remaining three competitors were seen at their best.

E. Colle was prevented by indisposition from taking part in the tournament.

TOURNAMENT AT LONDON, SEPTEMBER, 1926.

There has just been concluded at the City of London Chess Club an invitation tournament of seven players. W. Winter was originally intending to play, but was prevented from competing at the last moment. It was arranged by V. Buerger to demonstrate that there was sufficient keenness in Metropolitan chess circles to run a tournament for strong players without the necessity of holding a congress.

A strong entry was secured, although Sir G. A. Thomas and R. P. Michell had to decline the invitation. The time-limit was 34 moves in the first two hours and 17 moves an hour subsequently, with four evening rounds each week, adjourned games being finished on the remaining evenings.

The tournament resulted in a brilliant victory for the young Hampstead player, V. Buerger, who won every game, and was moreover never in a losing position in any game. He defeated Yates in the second round in a well-played Queen's Pawn game, and kept the lead to the end. The feat of winning an important tournament in this country with a clean score has not been performed since Kostich won the Hastings Christmas congress of 1921-22 with 7 out of 7. Mr. Buerger, who is the present Middlesex champion, thoroughly deserved his victory, and none could say that it was due to luck.

Yates, who came second, played some good attacks; and Goldstein, who seems to be making a speciality of third prizes, came third. The remaining players finished in accordance with their Edinburgh form, but Wheatcroft was quite out of form and only saved his score from an ignominious zero by drawing with Yates in the last round.

The prize-fund was provided by the players themselves, and as several of them remarked, they had the pleasures of a congress without hotel and travelling expenses. The slower time-limit in two hours had the noteworthy effect of cutting down the number of adjourned games to 3 out of 21, and only two games ended indecisively.

We understand that another tournament of eight players on the same lines is commencing on October 6th, in which Sir G. A. Thomas and E. G. Sergeant will take part, together with several of the players from the first tournament.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T'l.	Prize.
1 V. Buerger	—	I	I	I	I	I	I	6	I. £10
2 F. D. Yates	0	—	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	II. £6
3 M. E. Goldstein	0	0	—	I	I	I	I	4	III. £4
4 J. H. Blake	0	0	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
5 H. Saunders	0	0	0	0	—	I	I	2	
6 J. H. Morrison	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
7 G. S. A. Wheatcroft	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	

THE CABLE MATCH, LONDON v. CHICAGO.

On Saturday, November 6th, a cable match will be played at Spring Gardens, London, S.W., between teams of six a-side, representing London and Chicago respectively. It is confidently anticipated that the majority of the chessplayers of the Metropolis will be present at this interesting event, for there has been no cable match in London for fifteen years. In 1911 the English team won the "Newnes" trophy by their victory over the American team, this being their third consecutive win.

The coming match is due to the enterprise of the Hamilton Chess Circle, of Chicago, who evolved the idea and issued the challenge. Their chairman, M. S. Kuhns, has also invented and copyrighted a telegraphic code which meets all the difficulties encountered in the past to transmit the moves with accuracy, speed and economy.

This system has already been put to the test in the building of the Western Union Telegraphic Company, where two experienced telegraphers who were also chessplayers, seated in different rooms played a complete game of chess, transmitting their moves by wire and using only the above-mentioned code. The result entitled the inventor to believe that the players in the London—Chicago match will be able to finish six games of an average of forty moves each or 480 moves in all, within eight hours.

In connection with this match Samuel Insull has presented a very fine cup, which is to be played for by teams of British and American chessplayers representing British and American cities and to be held by the city winning three consecutive matches. In addition Dr. John Dill Robertson has presented a silver cup for the most brilliant game of the match.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir William Pryke, will make the first move for London on Board 1, Mayor Dever of Chicago performing the like service in that city.

The match will commence in London at 2 p.m. and will continue till 11 p.m., with an hour's break for dinner. In Chicago the time will be 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. The arrangements this side of the Atlantic will be controlled by the London Chess League, whose secretary, G. R. Hardcastle, has already had a busy time with them.

One of the most difficult tasks has been the selection of the six stalwarts (who must all be members of the League or of an affiliated club) and so far the following have accepted invitations to play: R. P. Michell, B. E. Siegheim, W. Winter and E. G. Sergeant. The two remaining places will be filled after the result of a tournament being held at the City Club between seven of the strongest members, in which V. Buerger and M. E. Goldstein have made an excellent start.

Any games left unfinished at the call of time will be adjudicated by A. Alekhine.

Printing Craft, Ltd., 34 Red Lion Square, Holborn, are preparing a souvenir of the match.

The rooms at Spring Gardens will be open to the public at a small fee, and will it is hoped be large enough to accommodate all who wish to witness this unique match.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

British Chess Federation.—County and District Correspondence Chess Championship, 1926. The full results of this competition are now available and the relative positions of the participants are as follow :—

I, Lancashire, with $22\frac{1}{2}$ points ; II, Surrey, $19\frac{1}{2}$; III, Kent, $18\frac{1}{2}$; IV, Cheshire and Yorkshire, 18 ; VI, Middlesex, 17 ; VII, Durham and Glasgow County, $16\frac{1}{2}$; IX, Devonshire and Hampshire, 16 ; XI, Sussex and South Wales, $15\frac{1}{2}$; XIII, Hertfordshire and Warwickshire, 15 ; XV, Worcestershire, 14 ; XVI, Somersetshire, 11 ; XVII, Cornwall, $10\frac{1}{2}$; XVIII, Cumberland, 10 ; XIX, Berkshire, 9 ; XX, Gloucestershire, 6.

The forms and conditions of entry for the 1927 contest will shortly be issued and any enquiries with regard to the competition should be addressed to the hon. secretary of the B.C.F., Leonard P. Rees, St. Aubyns, Redhill, Surrey.

City of London Chess Club, 2 Wardrobe Court, E.C.4.—The 74th winter season will commence on Wednesday, 20th October, when F. D. Yates will play 20 boards simultaneously.

The championship and four other level tournaments for all classes will commence on the 26th October, in which numerous prizes value from one to ten guineas will be given.

University of London Chess Club.—The general meeting was held on July 8th, 1926, when the following officers were elected for season 1926-27 : President, R. F. Goldstein ; vice-presidents, R. F. Kerslake, L. Klein, and V. J. A. Russ ; secretary, G. G. Slack (University College) ; match captain, P. B. Botcherby ; assistant secretary, J. A. Allcock.

It was reported that the Intercollegiate Tournament had been won by London School of Economics, for the first time since its inception in 1904. L.S.E scored 4 points out of 5, King's and University were equal second with $3\frac{1}{2}$, and East London fourth with 3 ; the other colleges competing were Battersea Polytechnic and Goldsmiths. The match results were not very satisfactory, out of 8 played, only one was won, and one drawn. It is hoped, however, for better results in the coming season.

The championship of Cornwall has been won for the second year in succession by Mr. Albert Ashby who will thus be able to keep the " Emigrant " Cup for another 12 months. Mr. Ashby is a prominent philatelist (under his *nomme de guerre* of Cecil Arleen) and this success of his throws into relief the curious connection between chess and philately. It is common to hear references to the connection between chess and music, but the nearness of chess to stamp collecting is not so often recognised.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (May) 2,563 to 2,566—(June) 2,567 to 2,570 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (300) 5-5-10-10 (330) 5-5-10-10 (360);
 ††A. T. Cannell (0) 5-5-10-10 (30) 5-5-10-10 (60); ** W. H. Cutland (45) 5-10-10-10 (80) 5-5-10-10 (110); J. W. Davis (295) 5-5-10-10 (325); *J. C. Derlien (345); R. J. Darval (Albara, Sudan) (280) 5-5-10-10 (310) 5-5-10-10 (340); Rev. A. S. Dean (400) 5-5-10-10 (430); J. Espinosof (Barcelona) (70); G. Hilton (June) 5-5-10-10 (30); †Albert H. Haddy (120) 5-5-10-10 (150) 5-5-10-10 (180); W. M. Hay (June) 0-0-10-10 (20); N. N. Subramania Iyer (185) 5-5-10-10 (215) 5-5-10-10 (245); †† G. Stillingfleet Johnson (375) 5-10-10-10 (410) 5-5-10-10 (440); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (150) March and April, 60 (210) 5-5-10-10 (240); * Frederick Lee (515) 5-5-10-10 (545) 5-5-10-10 (575); ** J. A. Lewis (175) 5-5-10-10 (205) 5-5-10-10 (235); *Hubert Lees (New Zealand) (215) March 35 (250); T. N. R. Leistikow (285); * D. Murray (585) 5-5-10-10 (615) 5-5-10-10 (30); J. H. Murgatroyd (10) 5-5-0-0 (20) 5-5-10-10 (50); †Johannes Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (570) 5-5-10-10 (600) 5-5-0-10 (620); †A. Peacock (320) 5-5-10-10 (350) 5-5-10-10 (380); E. W. Punnett (410) April 10 (420) 5-10-10-10 (450) 5-0-10-10 (480); T. Rosenfield (510); G. V. Secthapathy Rau (Madras) (100) 5-5-10-10 (130); Rev. J. Schipper (500) April 30 (530) 5-5-10-10 (560); D. V. Sullivan (June) 5-5-10-10 (30); * "Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (65); R. G. Tyzack (430) 5-10-10-10 (465); A. C. Vaughan (575); Rev. E. Wells (470) 5-10-10-10 (505) 5-5-10-10 (535); W. A. Way (Malay States) (0) March 35 (35); H. A. Warwell (280) 5-5-10-10 (310) 0-5-10-10 (335); G. Wilton (55).

D. Murray, by reaching the high total for May, has secured his first success, whilst similarly Johannes Neilson has for the second time reached in June the highest score with 620 points.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,567, by F. G. Tucker.—1 Q—B 2. The movement of the pinned Pawn obstructing the two Bishops permitting the Queen mates at B 5 and K 4 is interesting.

No. 2,568, by S. S. Levman.—1 Q—K 4. A fairly easy key to find. The four self-block replies are quite nice. The construction might be better.

No. 2,569, by J. Vasta.—1 B—R 4, P—K 7; 2 Kt—Q 2 ch. If 1..., others; 2 B—Q Kt 5. Rather simple, but certainly uncommon. It is a little curious how the Black Pawn shuts off the Rook to permit the Knight to mate either at Q 2 or R 2.

No. 2,570, by Handley Rhodes.—1 Q—R 3, Kt—K 2; 2 Q×P ch. If 1..., Q Kt moves; 2 R—K 6 ch. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 P—K 4. If 1..., K×P; 2 Q—Q 3 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Q—R 3 ch. The key-move is comparatively easy to decide upon as K×P has to be watched. There are two bright lines, the others are not notable. A Black Pawn is needed at K R 2 to prevent Cook by 1 P—K 4.

By Dr. E. Palkoska (p. 340).—1 Kt—B 6, P×Kt; 2 Q—K R 4. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—R 5. A most ingenious composition. Though there are but two continuations these are exceedingly interesting, leading to three model mates.

By Dr. F. Rduch (p. 340).—1 Q—R 3, Kt—Kt 3; 2 Q—K 7. If 1..., B—B 1; 2 R—B 4 ch. If 1..., P—B 6; 2 Kt—K 6 ch. If 1..., Q Kt moves; 2 Q—Kt 4 or B 5 ch accordingly. If 1..., others; 2 R—Q 3 ch. See three-mover by B. G. Laws, page 341. Dr. Rduch has made much more use of the material, and the introduction of the Pawn model is clever.

By A. Mari (p. 340).—1 Kt—K 6, P—K 5 dis ch; 2 Q×Q ch. If 1..., P—B 5 dis ch; 2 R×B dis ch. If 1..., Kt moves dis ch; 2 R×R dis ch. If 1..., R×Kt, etc.; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. An extraordinary problem, the checks and counterchecks being both puzzling and amusing. This entails a lot of capturing, only two of Black's men escape, which is rather a drawback.

By J. Hartong (p. 340).—1 B—K 4. A very nice key unpinning the Knight and leading to bright play and unexpected mates.

By R. H. Bridgwater (p. 340).—This received the prize for best mutate. 1 Q—Q 7. It does not at first seem likely that the mate after 1..., K—B 4 has to be given up nor that after 1..., P×P ch, and hence the solver may find some difficulty.

By C. S. Kipping (p. 340).—This was awarded first prize for three-movers; it is obviously not a mutate. The printers changed the headings of these two problems in this respect. 1 R—Q 3, R—B 3; 2 B—B 5. If 1..., Kt—B 3; 2 B—Q Kt 4. If 1..., R—R 5; 2 R×B ch. If 1..., P—B 3; 2 Q—K 7 ch. The idea of enticing away a Black piece which has been played to obstruct White is a common device—here, however, we have both the Knight and Rook to deal with, accentuating the idea. In most cases of strategy of this kind mate is threatened on the move, but this seldom can be avoided.

By A. G. Stubb (p. 341).—1 P becomes B.

By W. A. Shinkman (p. 341).—The Black King has disappeared. Place him on his own square, then 1 P becomes B.

By B. G. Laws (p. 341).—1 Q—R 3, Kt—Kt 6; 2 Q—K 7. If 1..., Kt×P; 2 R—K 4 ch. If 1..., Kt—Kt 2; 2 B P×Kt.

By W. J. Wood (p. 341).—1 B×Kt, P×Kt P; 2 B—Kt 8, P×P (if 3..., P—Q Kt 6 or K Kt 6; 3 K R—Q 4 ch, K—K 4; 4 K—K 7); 3 K—K 8, P—Kt 6; 4 K—B 7. If 1..., P×B P; 2 B—Kt 8, P×P; 3 K—B 8, P—Kt 6; 4 K—Kt 7. If 1..., K×B; 2 K×P, either P×P; 3 K—B 7, any; 4 K—Kt 6. If 1..., P—Kt 6; 2 R×Q B P, P moves; 3 B—Kt 8. If we overlook the trenchant key-move, we shall find much to admire in an otherwise fine five-mover. The author has displayed exceptional skill in duplicating the Indian theme, adding a further continuation of merit and interest. There are several close shaves in the matter of duals which demonstrates painstaking analysis and care has been shown in producing this eminent problem.

By W. F. v. Holzhausen (p. 342).—1 R—Q 7, Q—Kt 8; 2 R—Q 3! This is given as a rather elementary illustration of the focal idea. The cutting off of the Queen's influence by the Rook returning to its original square is quite pretty.

By W. F. v. Holzhausen (p. 342).—1 Kt—Q 1, Q R—K B 4; 2 Q Kt—B 2 ch. If 1..., K R—B 5; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—B 2 ch. In this case the Plachutta theme is doubled and is shown in simple form.

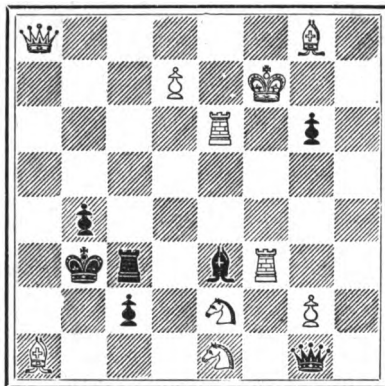
By W. F. v. Holzhausen (p. 342).—1 Q—K 4, Q—B 6; 2 Q—K 5 ch, P—B 4; 3 Q—B 7 ch. If 1..., P—B 4; 2 Q×Q Kt×P (if 2..., P—B 5 or ×Kt; 3 Q—Q 5 ch); 3 Q—Q Kt 3. If 1..., Kt×P; 2 Kt—Q B 5. The Nowotny strategy is not powerfully illustrated in this problem as the Queen is played to the intersecting square of the Rook and Bishop by a check, but the two moves leading to this point are ingeniously schemed

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,575.

By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE
(London)

BLACK (7 pieces)



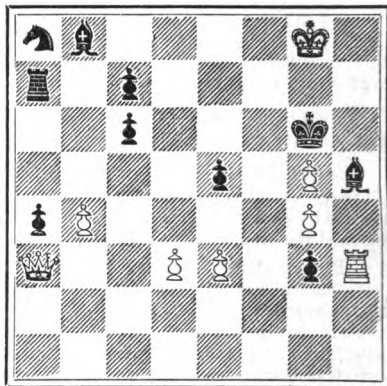
WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,576.

By J. VASTA
(Picky, Czechoslovakia).

BLACK (10 pieces)



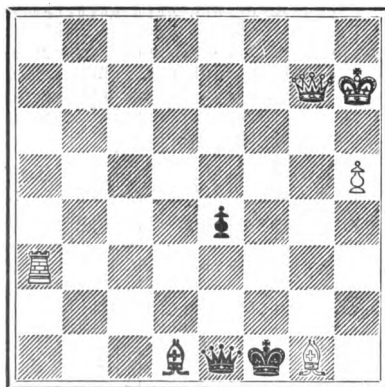
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,577.

By Dr. E. PALKOSKA
(Prague).

BLACK (3 pieces)



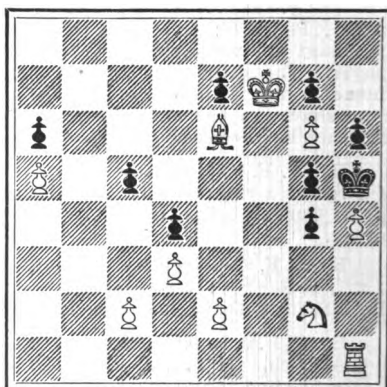
WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,578.

By W. J. WOOD
(London).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

White mates in four moves.

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EDINBURGH CHESS CONGRESS.

This summer it fell to the lot of the Scottish Chess Association to act as host for the annual congress of the British Chess Federation, and Edinburgh, where the previous B.C.F. Congress in Scotland was held in 1920, was again selected as the venue.

In the absence of the usual civic welcome owing to the Esperanto Congress which was being held at the same time, Major Sir Richard Barnett declared the congress duly open in the splendid Albyn Rooms in Queen Street. After a few words of welcome to the players from Mr. C. Wardhaugh, representing the Scottish Chess Association, play commenced punctually at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 2nd.

We are, as usual, giving a round by round account of the play in the British Championship, together with a summary of the play in the other tournaments.

In the absence of H. E. Atkins and Sir G. A. Thomas, F. D. Yates is expected to have no difficulty in regaining his title, his most dangerous rival being the present City of London Champion, R. P. Michell. It will be interesting to see how the challenge of the younger generation in M. E. Goldstein, C. R. Gurnhill, A. R. B. Thomas and G. S. A. Wheatcroft is met.

FIRST ROUND, Monday, August 2nd.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Gooding v. Heath	<i>Queen's Gambit Accepted.</i> ..	Drawn.
Goldstein v. Blake	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Drawn.
Uber v. Yates	<i>Irregular Opening</i>	Yates won.
Gurnhill v. Thomas	<i>French Defence</i>	Thomas won.
Saunders v. Wheatcroft ..	<i>King's Fianchetto Opening</i> ..	*Saunders won.
Michell v. Macdonald ..	<i>Three Knights' Game</i> ..	*Drawn.

* Adjourned.

Yates won the first game of the tournament, a happy augury for his subsequent success. Uber adopted Nimzovitch's system of development with 1 Kt—K B 3; 2 P—Q Kt 3 and 3 P—K 3, etc., but the game later transposed into a symmetrical form of the Queen's Gambit Declined. Yates made the most of his superior development, and after beating off a premature King-side attack, gained a decisive advantage on the open Queen's Bishop file, winning a piece.

Gurnhill endeavoured to get up an attack in the Exchange variation of the French by sacrificing a Pawn, but Thomas found a satisfactory defence. In an abortive attempt to win at all costs Gurnhill gave up three more Pawns, but his plight was hopeless.

Heath tried one of his original ideas, but his attempt to hold the Gambit Pawn once again came to nought, and Gooding recovered

it with some advantage in position. Heath defended himself with some care, and reached an equal end-game with Q, Kt and 5 Pawns each. He then claimed a draw on the ground that the same position had arisen three times, and this claim was upheld.

The remaining three games were adjourned. Goldstein's game with Blake had interesting features, the latter opposing an advance of centre Pawns by pushing on with his majority of Queen-side Pawns. After steady play on both sides the ensuing Rook ending was drawn shortly after the resumption of play.

Saunders had some good fortune against Wheatcroft, for the latter got so good an opening that Saunders found it best to give up a Pawn to stem a strong King-side attack. Wheatcroft's game was still much to be preferred, but he made several weak moves running owing to clock trouble, and at the adjournment seemed to have a lost game.

Michell secured some advantage out of the opening and fastened on to a weak backward Queen's Rook's Pawn. He then brought about a Rook end-game in which he seemed to have winning chances, but by careful defensive play Macdonald contrived to find a drawing line after some six hours play.

SECOND ROUND, Tuesday, August 3rd.

		Opening.			Result.
Blake v. Gooding ..	..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	..	Blake won.	
Macdonald v. Heath ..	..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	.. ..	*Heath won.	
Yates v. Goldstein ..	..	<i>French Defence</i>	.. ..	*Goldstein won.	
Thomas v. Uber ..	..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	.. ..	Thomas won.	
Wheatcroft v. Gurnhill		<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	..	*Drawn.	
Michell v. Saunders ..	..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	.. ..	Drawn.	
* Adjourned.					

Uber adopted a form of the fashionable Queen's Fianchetto Defence, but his Queen's Knight became badly posted on Q R 4, so that Thomas was able to force the win of a valuable centre Pawn. Uber secured some attack by giving up the Exchange, but Thomas soon scored his second win, and now leads the field with a score of 2.

Michell's game was simplified by an early exchange of Queens and he exerted strong pressure upon Saunders backward Queen's Bishop's Pawn on the open file. The latter's defence proved adequate, however, and shortly before time a draw was agreed.

Blake played a capital game against Gooding, whose Orthodox Defence left him a cramped and lifeless game. Black gave up a Pawn in an attempt to free himself, but Blake secured a very strong passed Pawn and later lured Gooding's King into a mating net on the King-side.

Goldstein secured equality in the middle game, but Yates made skilful use of his majority of Pawns on the Queen-side to establish a strong passed Pawn at Q B 6 in a Queen and Rook ending. After the adjournment there was a surprising result. Goldstein defended himself very carefully and reached a drawn position. Yates, however, in attempting to force a win, evolved an unsound combination by which he lost his advanced Pawn, and the simple Pawn ending resulting was hopeless for him.

Wheatcroft obtained a violent King-side attack and forced the win of the Exchange by the rapid advance of his King's Pawn to the seventh. However, he allowed Gurnhill chances on the Queen-side and the latter, by advancing his passed Queen's Bishop's Pawn to the seventh recovered the Exchange, and came out a Pawn ahead in a Rook ending. He did not make the most of it, and Wheatcroft was able to force a draw by perpetual check.

Heath played his usual Classical Defence and secured a favourable ending owing to his control of the open Queen-file and the weakness of White's Queen-side Pawns. At the adjournment he had reduced forces to Rook and 2 Pawns against Rook and 1 Pawn, but the extra Pawn won with little difficulty.

THIRD ROUND, Wednesday, August 4th.

		Opening.	Result.
Gooding v. Yates	Queen's Pawn Game	† Yates won.	
Heath v. Blake	King's Knight's Gambit	Heath won.	
Goldstein v. Thomas	Queen's Gambit Declined	* Drawn.	
Uber v. Wheatcroft	Sicilian Defence	Drawn.	
Gurnhill v. Michell	Ruy Lopez	* Michell won.	
Macdonald v. Saunders	Ruy Lopez	† Saunders won.	
* Adjourned.		† Adjourned twice.	
		‡ Adjourned five times.	

Heath, enterprising as usual, adopted the King's Knight's Gambit. Blake gave up his Queen's Pawn and attempted to hold the Gambit Pawn on KB5 without success. After exchanging Queens, White was able to win this Pawn and so he came out a Pawn ahead in a simple Rook ending. From here on he relaxed and Blake, taking skilful advantage of his chances, succeeded in reducing the game to a draw. Unfortunately he neglected to recover the Pawn when he had the chance, and instead chose to win it back at a stage when Heath could secure the "opposition" in the ending with 2 Pawns each.

After the first adjournment Macdonald and Saunders had only exchanged one minor piece and two Pawns each. In the evening Saunders brought about further simplification in order to reach an end-game with Knight, Bishop and 5 Pawns each; but he had the better chances because his opponent's Pawns were on squares of the same colour as his Bishop. Black exploited this advantage skilfully, and at the second adjournment was in sight of a win.

Wheatcroft went astray in his Paulsen Defence, and Uber was able to take command of the game. He made an abortive attempt at a King-side attack, which came to nothing, and at the adjournment had only a very slight advantage on the Queen-side. A draw was agreed upon without resuming play.

Gurnhill secured a King-side attack against Michell, and missed one line of play which would have given him good winning chances. At the adjournment material was level but Gurnhill had a weak Pawn which could not be held. Playing with great accuracy, Michell soon put the issue beyond doubt.

Thomas got a free game at the expense of an isolated Queen's Pawn. He then gave up his Queen's Rook's Pawn to win the opposing King's Rook's Pawn but Goldstein found a satisfactory defence to

Thomas's attack. White then unwisely offered an exchange of Queens, which led to the immediate loss of a Pawn. He struggled hard for a draw in an end-game with Knight and 3 Pawns against Bishop and 4 Pawns, and as Thomas pushed his Pawns on a little too impetuously he had to be satisfied with an indecisive result. This left Thomas still at the head of the score equal with Heath and Saunders, all of whom had $2\frac{1}{2}$ points.

At the end of the morning session Yates, with a slight advantage in position, was unsuccessfully trying to find weak spots in Gooding's armour, and at the end of the second adjournment seemed no nearer the solution of his difficult task.

FOURTH ROUND, Thursday, August 5th.

	Opening.	Result.
Thomas v. Gooding ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	† Gooding won.
Yates v. Heath ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i> ..	Yates won.
Blake v. Macdonald ..	<i>Three Knights' Game</i> ..	Blake won.
Wheatcroft v. Goldstein ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Goldstein won.
Michell v. Uber ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i> ..	Michell won.
Saunders v. Gurnhill ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i> ..	* Saunders won.

* Adjourned. † Adjourned twice.

Blake's game opened 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 Kt—K B 3, Kt—K B 3; 3 Kt—B 3, B—Kt 5; 4 B—B 4, Castles; 5 Castles, Kt×P; 6 Kt×P, and here Macdonald made a fatal blunder, playing 6.., P—Q B 3?; 7 Kt×K B P, R×Kt; 8 B×R ch, K×B; 9 Kt×Kt. Black's game was hopeless, and he resigned before the adjournment.

Heath adopted the Classical Defence to the Lopez, but Yates seemed quite familiar with its intricacies. He gave Heath doubled Queen's Bishop's Pawns on the open Queen's Bishops' file, and set himself methodically to win one of them. This did not take very long, and the resulting end-game proved easy work for him.

Uber selected an unusual form of the Stonewall Defence, but unwisely moved K—Q 1 where it blocked his whole game. Nevertheless, he got up a threatening attack by the advance of his King's Knight's Pawn. Michell took things calmly and opened the Queen's Rook and Queen's Knight files with decisive effect, for Black's King proved far more vulnerable than White's.

Wheatcroft, by threatening a violent King-side attack, compelled Goldstein to weaken his King-side very considerably, but the latter although short of time defended himself coolly and won Wheatcroft's weak Pawn. White accelerated the end by an unsound sacrifice of the Exchange, but his game was gone in any case.

Thomas in attempting to win a Pawn lost a piece, but put up a very stout resistance, and at the end of the evening session had got Rook and two united Pawns against Rook, Bishop and Pawn. A win for Gooding seemed very difficult, and the game was adjourned until the week-end.

Saunders outplayed Gurnhill in the middle-game and won the Exchange. Gurnhill put up a desperate but unavailing resistance, and resigned shortly after the adjournment. Saunders then continued his end-game with Macdonald, soon winning a Pawn and the game.

He therefore took the lead with $3\frac{1}{2}$ out of 4, followed by Goldstein and Michell 3, and Thomas $2\frac{1}{2}$ with 1 adjourned, and Yates 2 with 1 adjourned.

FIFTH ROUND, Friday, August 6th.

Opening.

		Result.
Gooding v. Wheatcroft	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Wheatcroft won.
Heath v. Thomas ..	<i>French Defence</i>	†Heath won.
Blake v. Yates ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Yates won.
Goldstein v. Michell ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	*Michell won.
Uber v. Saunders ..	<i>Petroff's Defence</i>	Saunders won.
Gurnhill v. Macdonald ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	*Macdonald won.

* Adjourned. † Adjourned twice.

There was an early catastrophe in this round, Uber on the 19th move losing his Queen to Saunders, who had given up two Pawns for an enterprising attack. White's game was much inferior when he made the mistake.

GAME No. 5,720.

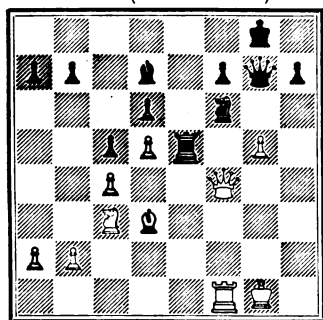
Petroff's Defence.

WHITE	BLACK	rapid development, probably soundly.
H. B. UBER	H. SAUNDERS	
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	9 B×Kt
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—K B 3	10 R×P
3 P—Q 4	3 Kt×P	11 Q—K 2
4 B—Q 3	4 P—Q 4	12 P×P
5 Kt×P	5 B—K 2	
6 Castles	6 Kt—Q B 3	P—Q 5 would have been safer.
7 Kt×Kt		12 B—Kt 2
7 B—Q Kt 5 and if 7... B—Q 2 ;		13 B—Q 5
8 Kt×B, Q×Kt ; 9 P—Q B 4 !		14 B×R
seems preferable.		15 Q—Q 4
	7 P×Kt	16 Q R—K 1
8 R—K 1	8 Castles	17 R—K 3
.....Sacrificing a Pawn for		18 Kt—B 2
		19 Kt—K 1
		Resigns

Gooding played the Four Pawns Advance against the King's

Fianchetto Defence, and secured a strong attack on the King-side. In the position diagrammed, Black has just played R (K1)—K 4 instead of Kt—R 4 ! which would have given him the better game. Gooding could now have secured a winning game by the pretty move 27 P—Kt 6 ! !, e.g. 27... Kt—R 4 ; 28 Q×P ch, etc. He actually played 27 R—B 2 ? , Q×P ch ; 28 R—Kt 2, Kt—Kt 5 ; 29 Q×Q, coming out a Pawn down in the end-game. There was some pretty play in the evening before Wheatcroft forced the win by going up a piece for two more Pawns.

BLACK (WHEATCROFT)



WHITE (GOODING)

Blake made an unfortunate oversight on his 11th move, losing a Pawn by a sheer blunder. He contrived to find some compensation in Yates' backward Queen's Bishop's Pawn, but the latter finally succeeded in reducing the game to an ending where he had three Pawns for the Exchange.

The struggle between two of the leaders, Goldstein and Michell, was the tit-bit of the round. Goldstein made a Queen-side advance which Michell countered with a threatening King-side attack. On the 24th move Goldstein played an inferior continuation which left him with a weak Pawn on K 5. Michell very skilfully secured a very strong direct attack against the King with Queen and two Rooks. White found a temporary defence at the cost of a Pawn, but after the adjournment could see nothing better than to lead into a lost Rook ending at the cost of another Pawn.

Macdonald adopted a very old form of the Berlin Defence, which yielded Gurnhill some positional advantage. Playing skilfully White increased this, but then lost a valuable move. He could perhaps still have drawn the end-game, but overlooked a very fine continuation by which Macdonald forced a win.

Heath sacrificed the Exchange against Thomas, and the latter returned it for what he hoped would be a superior end-game. It happened otherwise, however, and Heath, after missing a chance to win a piece, came out a Pawn ahead in an ending. This occasioned him unexpected difficulty, and at the end of the evening session he was still struggling to find the win.

At the end of this round Saunders still led with 4½ out of 5, followed by Michell 4, Goldstein 3 and Yates 3 with 1 adjourned.

SIXTH ROUND, Saturday, August 7th.

	<i>Opening.</i>				<i>Result.</i>
Michell v. Gooding ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i> ..	..	..	..	Michell won.
Wheatcroft v. Heath ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Accepted</i> ..	..	..	..	Wheatcroft won.
Thomas v. Blake ..	<i>Queen's Knight's Opening</i> ..	..	..	..	Blake won.
Macdonald v. Yates ..	<i>Giuoco Piano</i> ..	..	..	..	Yates won.
Saunders v. Goldstein ..	<i>Sicilian Defence</i> ..	..	..	..	*Goldstein won.
Gurnhill v. Uber ..	<i>Sicilian Defence</i> ..	..	..	..	*Uber won.
	* Adjourned.				

The sixth round was the most interesting of all up to the present, and all the games were of more than usual interest.

Pride of place must be given to Wheatcroft's brilliant effort against Heath. The young Oxonian had the splendid idea of giving up a whole Rook to prevent one defensive resource of his opponent, and secured a very strong King-side attack. It is true that Heath did not make the best defence, but analysis has failed to disprove the sacrifice, and in practical play under the influence of the time-limit it was perfectly justifiable. We give the whole game in the Games Section in the present number.

Yates very quickly accounted for Macdonald, who made a serious mistake on his 9th move, which enabled Black to finish smartly. The game speaks for itself.

GAME NO. 5,721.

Giuoco Piano.

WHITE	BLACK	attack, via K 2 and Kt 3.	
Dr. R. C. MACDONALD	F. D. YATES		
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	14 B×Kt	13 Castles K R
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	15 R—K Kt 1	14 P×B
3 B—B 4	3 Kt—B 3	16 Kt—B 5	15 K—R 1
4 P—Q 3	4 B—B 4	Loss of time.	
5 Kt—B 3	5 P—Q 3		
6 B—K 3	6 B—Kt 3	17 Kt—K 3	16 P—Kt 3
7 Castles	7 B—Kt 5	18 P—Q R 3	17 Q—K 3
8 B×B		19 Q—Q 2	18 P—K B 4
Preparing the following error of position-judgment.		20 P×P	19 Kt—R 6
	8 R P×B	21 R—Kt 2	20 P×P
9 Kt—K 2	9 B×Kt 1	22 R—K 1	21 R—K Kt 1 !
.....White has no compensation for his broken King-side, as he will not be permitted to play P—K B 4.		23 Kt×R	22 R×R
		24 P—K B 4	23 R—K Kt 1
10 P×B	10 Kt—K R 4	There is no reply to the threat	
11 K—R 1	11 Q—B 3	24... Q—Kt 3 ;	25 Kt moves,
12 Kt—Kt 3	12 Kt—B 5	R—Kt 8 ch.	
13 B—Kt 5		25 P—K B 3	24 Q—Q 4
		Resigns	25 Q×B P

To prevent Black's Queen's Knight from assisting in the

White must lose his Queen after Kt—B 7 ch.

Gooding secured an equal middle-game against Michell, but on his 22nd move made a futile Queen move which cost him a valuable tempo, and from the 26th move onwards Michell concluded the game in most workmanlike style, giving his opponent not a moment's respite.

GAME NO. 5,722.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK		
R. P. MICHELL	W. GOODING		
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	16 Kt—B 3	16 Q R—K 1
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	17 P—K 5	17 P—Q 4
3 B—Kt 5	3 Kt—B 3	18 P—Q Kt 3	18 Kt—B 1
4 Castles	4 P—Q 3	19 Kt—K R 4	
5 P—Q 4	5 B—Q 2		Loss of time.
6 Kt—B 3	6 B—K 2	20 Kt—B 3	19 Q—Kt 5 !
7 R—K 1	7 P×P	21 P—K R 3	20 Kt—Kt 3
8 Kt×P	8 Castles		
9 B×Kt	9 P×B		Fearing 21... Q—Kt 5 in con-
10 Q—Q 3	10 R—K 1		junction with Kt—B 5.
11 B—Kt 5	11 P—K R 3		21 K—R 1
12 B—R 4	12 Kt—R 2	22 Kt—Q R 4	22 Q—K B 5
13 B×B	13 R×B		
14 R—K 3	14 Q—Kt 1		Also loss of time.
15 Q R—K 1	15 Q—Kt 3	23 P—Kt 3	23 Q—Q Kt 5
		24 K—Kt 2	24 R—K 3
		25 P—B 3	25 Q—R 6
		26 Q—Q 4 !	26 Q×R P
		27 Kt—B 5	27 R (K 3)—K 2
		28 Kt×B	28 R×Kt

.....Both sides are playing on the lines of one of the famous Capablanca-Lasker match-games of 1921.

29 P-K 6!	29 P×P	There was a mate
30 R×P	30 R×R	threatened by 34 Kt-Kt 5 ch!
31 R×R	31 R-Q 3	34 Q-R 5
.....If 31... K-R 2; 32	35 Q-B 5!	34 R-Kt 3
Q-Q 3; or if 31... Kt moves;	36 P-R 4	35 Q×P
32 R×P ch.	37 P-R 5	36 P-Q 5
32 R-K 8 ch	38 P×R ch	37 P×P
33 Q-K Kt 4	39 R-K 6	38 Kt×P
		Resigns

Thomas, in an attempt to get away from "the books," adopted the unusual Queen's Knight's Opening. The game ran 1 Kt-Q B 3, P-Q 4; 2 P-Q 4, Kt-K B 3; 3 B-Kt 5, Q Kt-Q 2; 4 P-B 3, P-B 3; 5 P-K 3 (5 P-K 4 is more enterprising), P-K Kt 3; 6 K Kt-K 2, B-Kt 2; 7 P-K R 4, P-K R 3; 8 B-B 4, Kt-R 4; 9 Q-Q 2, Kt×B; 10 P×Kt, Kt-Kt 3. Blake soon won the weak Queen's Pawn, and handling the end-game very well he gained further material, to win on the 44th move.

Saunders shut in Goldstein's Rook completely, but the latter was in no danger, as the sequel showed, and secured a very powerful passed Pawn. Saunders put up a hard fight, and the game came down to Rook against Rook, Bishop and Rook's Pawn of the wrong colour before Goldstein won.

GAME NO. 5,723.

Sicilian Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		than sufficient compensation.	
H. SAUNDERS	M. E. GOLDSTEIN				
1 P-K 4	1 P-Q B 4	22 B×B	21 Kt×B		
2 Kt-K B 3	2 P-K 3	23 R×Kt	22 Q×B		
3 P-Q 4	3 P×P	24 Q-R-Q 1	23 P-Q 4		
4 Kt×P	4 Kt-K B 3	Black has now a winning	24 P-Q 5!		
5 Kt-Q B 3	5 P-Q 3	Pawn-centre after the advance of			
6 B-K 2	6 B-K 2	the K P.			
7 B-B 3	7 Castles	25 R-K 2	25 B-Q 3		
8 Castles	8 P-Q R 3	26 Q R-K 1	26 R-Q 1		
9 B-K 3	9 Q-B 2	27 Q-Q 3	27 B-Kt 1		
10 R-B 1	10 Kt-B 3	28 R-K 4	28 P-K 4		
11 Kt×Kt	11 P×Kt	29 P-Kt 4			
12 Kt-R 4	12 R-Kt 1	After 29 R-R 4, Q-Kt 3!			
13 P-B 4	13 P-B 4	Black enforces P-B 4 and P-			
14 Q-B 2	14 B-Q 2	K 5 with decisive effect.			
15 Kt-B 3	15 R-Kt 5	29 Q-K Kt 3			
16 P-Q Kt 3	16 K R-Kt 1	30 K-B 1	30 P-B 4		
17 R-Kt 1		31 P×P	31 Q×P		
White could have played 17		32 K-K 2	32 R×P		
Kt-Kt 5! and if P×Kt; 18		33 Q×R	33 Q×R ch		
P-Q R 3.		34 K-Q 1	34 Q-B 5		
	17 B-B 3	35 Q-Q 3	35 R-K B 1		
18 K R-Q 1	18 P-Q R 4	36 R-K 2	36 Q-B 4		
19 P-Q R 4	19 Q-Kt 2	37 K-Q 2	37 P-K 5		
20 Kt-Kt 5	20 Kt×P	38 Q×Q P	38 Q×Q		
21 B-Q 2		39 R×Q	39 R×P ch		
Reckoning that as Black's Rook		40 K-K 1	40 R-B 1		
will be completely cut off White		41 R-K 6	41 B×P		
will be able to get up a strong		42 R-R 6	42 P-Kt 4		
attack on the King-side. He		43 R×P	43 P-Kt 5		
could win the Exchange for a		44 Kt×P	44 P×Kt		
Pawn by B-B 1 and B-R 3;		45 R-Kt 5 ch	45 K-B 2		
but Black's two Bishops and		46 R×P	46 B-K 4		
strong Pawn centre would be more			and Black won eventually.		

Uber adopted the Paulsen Variation of the Sicilian, and withstood all Gurnhill's attempts at attack, winning the Exchange and a Pawn into the bargain. White's case seemed hopeless at the adjournment, and he resigned soon after.

In the afternoon and evening Yates and Gooding had two more attempts to finish their adjourned game from the third round. Yates had a passed Pawn on the Queen-side and was threatening at the same time a break-up on the King-side. Both players had a Queen and 2 Rooks each, and after 104 moves had been played the game was again adjourned.

Saunders was deposed from the lead as a result of his loss to Goldstein, and the chief scores after the first week are :— Michell 5, Saunders 4½, Yates 4 (1 adjourned), Goldstein 4, Blake 3½. Then follow Wheatcroft 3, Thomas 2½ (2 adjourned), Heath 2½ (1 adjourned), and after an interval of 1 point, Macdonald and Uber 1½, Gooding ½ with 2 adjourned and Gurnhill ½.

It seems probable that either Yates or Michell, who are paired against one another in the 9th round, will be the winner, for Saunders has still to play Gooding, Heath, Blake, Yates and Thomas. Should the leaders falter, Goldstein has a possible chance, having played all the stronger players during the first six rounds.

SEVENTH ROUND, Monday, August 9th.

		Opening.	Result.
Gooding v. Saunders	..	Queen's Pawn Game	.. *Gooding won.
Heath v. Michell	..	King's Knights' Gambit	.. *Michell won.
Blake v. Wheatcroft	..	Queen's Pawn Game	.. Blake won.
Yates v. Thomas	..	Four Knights' Game	.. Yates won.
Goldstein v. Gurnhill	..	Queen's Gambit Declined	.. †Gurnhill won.
Macdonald v. Uber	..	Sicilian Defence	.. Macdonald won.

* Adjourned. † Adjourned twice.

Yates quickly added another victim to his bag, Thomas falling a prey to his energetic attacking style. Thomas adopted an old-fashioned line which gives Black several chances, but Yates knew too much about it.

GAME No. 5,724.

Four Knights' Game.

WHITE		BLACK			
F. D. YATES	A. R. B. THOMAS	11	B—K B 4	10	B—K 2
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	11	B—B 3	11	B—B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—K B 3	12	Q—Q 2	12	P—Q R 3
3 Kt—B 3	3 Kt—B 3	13	B—Q 3	13	P—Q 3
4 B—Kt 5	4 B—B 4	14	Q R—K 1	14	Kt—K 2
5 Castles	5 Castles	15	B—K Kt 5	15	B×B
6 Kt×P	6 R—K 1	16	Q×B	White has now a winning attack.	
7 Kt—B 3	7 Kt×P	17	Q—R 5	16	B—Q 2
8 P—Q 4	8 Kt×Kt	18	Kt—Kt 5	17	P—K B 4
9 P×Kt	9 B—B 1	19	Q—B 7 ch	18	P—R 3
.....If 9... B—K 2 White		20	Kt—K 6	19	K—R 1
secures a small advantage by		21	R×B	20	B×Kt
10 P—Q 5, Kt—Kt 1; 11 B—		Resigns		Black has no move at	
K B 4.				all! If 21... Kt—B 3 or Kt 1;	
10 B—Kt 5!				22Q×K B P; and if he does	
A strong move.				nothing White plays 22 K R—K 1.	

Blake gained the next success. Wheatcroft made a slight error of judgment on his 6th move, which enabled Blake to form a strong centre, and subsequently to secure a winning passed Queen's Bishop's Pawn. Black resigned on his 30th move, as he could not avoid ruinous loss.

GAME No. 5,725.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK					
J. H. BLAKE		G. S. A. WHEATCROFT		10	B—B 4	10	Kt—B 3
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	11	Q—K 2	11	Kt—R 4
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K Kt 3	12	B—K 3	12	B—K 3
3	P—K Kt 3	3	B—Kt 2	13	K R—Q 1	13	Kt—Q B 5
4	B—Kt 2	4	P—B 3	14	Kt—K Kt 5	14	Kt×B
5	Kt—Q B 3			15	Kt×B	15	Q—B 1
Many authorities recommend				16	Q×Kt	16	Q×Kt
5	P—Q 5!			17	P—Q 5	17	Q—B 1
				18	P×P	18	P×P
6	P×P	5	P—Q 4	19	Q R—B 1	19	Kt—B 3
		6	Kt×P	20	Kt—Q 5	20	Kt×Kt
				21	P×Kt	21	B×P
				22	R—B 2	22	B—B 3
				23	P×P		

.....6., P×P was the simplest way to equalise, whereas the text-move exposes him to many dangers.

7	Kt—B 3	7	Castles
8	Castles	8	Kt—Q 2
9	P—K 4	9	Kt (Q 4)—Kt 3

.....9., Kt×Kt; 10 P×Kt, P—Q B 4 is more in keeping with the principles of the Grünfeld defence. Now White is left with a very strong centre.

This Pawn wins the game in a few moves.

23	R—Q 1
24	R—Kt 1
25	Q×R
26	R—Q 8 ch
27	Q—Q B 1
28	K—Kt 2
29	R—Q 3
30	Q×R P
	Resigns

Macdonald played the enterprising Wing Gambit, which was much in favour at this congress, for several of the Major Open players also adopted it. He did not succeed in getting much attack for it, and Uber was left with a winning majority of Pawns on the Queen-side. He made an unfortunate slip, moving his Rook to the wrong square, and this enabled Macdonald to open the diagonal for his Queen's Bishop and wind up with a neat Mate in three.

Michell succeeded in holding the Gambit Pawn, and ultimately reduced the game to a simple ending, which he brought to a successful conclusion at the evening session.

Saunders suffered another loss, this time to Gooding, who gained his first success. White obtained a strong chain of Queen-side Pawns and gradually wore down all resistance. At the adjournment Saunders had been forced to give up two Pawns, and he did not get much counter-attack for them.

Goldstein played the opening indifferently, and Gurnhill built up a powerful King-side attack with Rook and Queen on the King's Knight file, and a Knight at K B 5. He did not make the most of it, but Goldstein, being very short of time, sacrificed the Exchange, fearing an attack which was not there. At the adjournment he had

2 Pawns for the Exchange, but was bound to lose one. White subsequently made a hard but unavailing fight for a draw, assisted by weak play by his opponent. At the second adjournment Gurnhill had Rook and Queen's Rook's Pawn v. Knight and Queen's Knight's Pawn, and won on the 74th move.

Michell now led with 6, followed by Yates 5 and 1 adjourned, Blake and Saunders 4½.

EIGHTH ROUND, Tuesday, August 10th.

	<i>Opening.</i>				<i>Result.</i>
Gurnhill v. Gooding ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	..	..	..	Gurnhill won.
Saunders v. Heath ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	..	..	..	*Saunders won.
Michell v. Blake ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	..	..	Michell won.
Wheatcroft v. Yates ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	..	..	*Yates won.
Thomas v. Macdonald ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	..	..	..	*Macdonald won.
Uber v. Goldstein ..	<i>Irregular Defence</i>	..	..	..	Goldstein won.
	* Adjourned.				

The principal game of the round was Michell v. Blake. The latter who played the 1., Kt—K B 3; 2., P—K 3 and 3., B—Kt 5 Defence, got his King's Bishop cut off at Q R 4, and Michell was ultimately enabled to break through on the Queen-side and win a Pawn. Blake had no chances of any counter, and the extra Pawn won very quickly.

Gurnhill's game with Gooding, a Berlin Defence, was for a long time perfectly level. Gooding, however, made a slip, and was soon struggling in a lost ending two Pawns to the bad.

Uber's game was another tragedy for him. By a very pretty Pawn sacrifice he opened the King's Rook and King's Knight's files upon his opponent's Castled King. With this attack he emerged two Pawns to the good with a won game, but relaxed and lost a piece owing to a mating threat. He then exceeded his time-limit, but his game was lost at that stage.

Saunders sacrificed a Pawn in the opening for a strong positional attack, and soon recovered his material with 100 per cent. interest, emerging into the end-game a Pawn ahead. Heath put up a stubborn resistance, and Saunders did not win until the evening session was far advanced.

Macdonald played an old form of the Tchigorin Defence, developing his Queen's Bishop on K B 4. Thomas secured the superior middle-game and won two Pawns, but allowed Macdonald to get up a counter-attack. On the resumption of play Thomas ran very short of time in an endeavour to evade his opponent's numerous threats, and lost speedily.

Yates played the Queen's Fianchetto Defence once again, and Wheatcroft sacrificed a Pawn to get some positional advantage. This did not turn out quite as he hoped, and in the evening the weight of the extra Pawn told in favour of Yates.

This afternoon Yates at last finished his famous adjourned game with Gooding. Yesterday the game had been continued for two more sittings, and Yates, by continual threats of breaking through on either the King-side or Queen-side, had succeeded in forcing an exchange

of Queen's with a winning Rook end-game in view. To-day he found no difficulty in winning. Despite its great length the game is a very interesting example of positional play, and Yates deserves credit for finding the win at long last. The game is not by any means a record for the British Championship, for at Cheltenham in 1913 a game between D. Miller and H. B. Uber ran to 168 moves and 18½ hours' play before the former won, whereas the Yates-Gooding game only ran to 146 moves, lasting a mere 14¼ hours.

The leading scores are now Michell and Yates 7 each, to play each other in the next round, Saunders 5½, Goldstein 5, Blake 4½.

NINTH ROUND, Wednesday, August 11th.

		Opening.	Result.
Gooding v. Uber	.. ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	.. †Uber won.
Heath v. Gurnhill	.. ..	<i>Kieseritski Gambit</i>	 Gurnhill won.
Blake v. Saunders	.. ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i>	 Blake won.
Yates v. Michell	.. ..	<i>French Defence</i>	 Yates won.
Thomas v. Wheatcroft	.. ..	<i>Sicilian Defence</i>	 Drawn.
Goldstein v. Macdonald	.. ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	 *Goldstein won.
		* Adjourned.	† Adjourned twice.

Saunders, who adopted the Cambridge Springs Defence, went quite astray and allowed his opponent to get up a winning attack on the King-side. He only hastened the inevitable by his blunder on the 19th move.

Heath played the Kieseritski, and it must be many years since this enterprising Gambit was last played in the British championship, if ever. Although Gurnhill did not play the theoretical line he secured a satisfactory game and Heath miscalculated some exchanges by which he lost a piece by force on his 18th move.

The vital game between Yates and Michell attracted a large circle of onlookers, for it was virtually certain that the winner would be the new British champion. Michell was evidently imbued with the importance of the occasion, for he adopted the drawish variation of the French, 1 P—K 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3, B—Kt 5; 4 P×P, P×P. He manœuvred his Knights rather unhappily, and allowed Yates to build up a strong attacking position. Michell decided that his best chance was to give up a Pawn to bring about an end-game with Bishops of opposite colour and very good drawing chances. Yates later on gave up his extra Pawn to secure a winning chance with his passed Kings' Knight's Pawn, as there were Rook, Knight and Bishop each still on the board. Michell in his anxiety to challenge position of the open King's Rook file made an elementary blunder losing a Rook, but at that stage his game was probably lost.

Thomas played the Wing Gambit, and puzzled his head to find compensation for the Pawn sacrificed. He did later on secure some attack by the sacrifice of a second Pawn, but appeared to miss his way. Ultimately Wheatcroft returned the two Pawns to secure an ending with equal forces, and a draw was agreed.

Uber again perplexed his opponent by his Stonewall Defence, but Gooding gradually secured a small advantage in position. At the

first adjournment Uber had given up the Exchange, but his Knight was forking Queen and both Rooks, so that the chances seemed roughly equal. In the evening an end-game ensued wherein each side had Rook and 3 Pawns. Uber had 3 united passed Pawns on the Queen-side, whereas Gooding had two far advanced centre Pawns. He should have had no difficulty in forcing one of them home to Queen, but in clock trouble moved the wrong Pawn. This enabled Uber to sacrifice his Rook for the two Pawns, after which his 3 passed Pawns won easily against the Rook shortly after the second adjournment.

Macdonald adopted the closer form of the Tchigorin Defence, and got a terribly cramped game against Goldstein, who gave him no chance to free himself. In an attempt to achieve the impossible Black lost a Pawn and subsequently another Pawn. The game was adjourned, but was not resumed until Friday evening.

With two rounds to go the leading scores were : Yates 8, Michell 7, Blake and Saunders 5½, and Goldstein 5 with 1 adjourned.

TENTH ROUND, Thursday, August 11th.

	Opening.	Result
Goldstein v Gooding ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	* Drawn.
Uber v. Heath	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	† Uber won.
Gurnhill v. Blake ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	* Gurnhill won.
Saunders v. Yates ..	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Drawn.
Michell v. Thomas ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Thomas won.
Macdonald v. Wheatcroft	<i>Sicilian Defence</i>	Wheatcroft won.

* Adjourned. † Adjourned twice.

There was another early sensation in this round, for Michell as first player in a Queen's Gambit Defence actually lost in 20 moves ! He incautiously accepted a Pawn which Thomas offered him, and this resulted in a broken King-side to start with. Thomas finished the game very neatly.

GAME NO. 5,726.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK	
R. P. MICHELL	A. R. B. THOMAS	13 B×Kt
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3	Goldstein in the third round
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3	against Thomas played 13 Kt×
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 P—Q 4	Kt, Q×Kt; 14 B×Kt, P×B;
4 B—Kt 5	4 B—K 2	15 Kt—B 3, B—K 3; 16 Castles,
5 P—K 3	5 Q Kt—Q 2	Q R—B 1; 17 Q—R 4, R—B 5 !
6 Kt—B 3	6 Castles	18 Q×P, R—K R 5; 19 P—B 4
7 R—B 1	7 P—B 3	(if 19 P—K Kt 3, Q—R 4 ! wins),
8 B—Q 3	8 P×P	Q—R 4; 20 R—B 3, R×P;
9 B×P	9 Kt—Q 4	21 K—B 2 with a satisfactory
10 B×B	10 Q×B	game.
11 Kt—K 4	11 P—K 4	13 P×B
.....A new move introduced		14 B—Kt 5
with success by Colle at the recent		15 Q—Q 3
Budapest tournament. It gives		16 Q R—Q 1
Black good chances of King-side		17 Q—R 3
attack should White play to win		18 B×Kt
the centre Pawn.		19 P—K Kt 4 !
12 P×P	12 Kt×P	20 R—Q 7 !
		Resigns
		A drastic finish !

Yates secured a small positional advantage as second player to Saunders' Lopez, and in other circumstances he would doubtless have continued playing, but here, owing to Michell's unexpected reverse, a draw was sufficient to give him the championship, and this result was agreed upon just before lunch time.

Macdonald secured a threatening King-side attack, but his sacrifice of a Pawn did not have the desired effect, and Wheatcroft playing in good style gradually got the upper hand. After forcing the win of a Bishop he concluded in elegant style.

Goldstein again embarked on Queen-side operations which Gooding countered with a direct King-side attack. After some positional finessing Goldstein exchanged Queens to bring about an end-game, but Gooding demonstrated that if anything the advantage lay with him. After the adjournment Rooks were exchanged and an ending Knight and 4 Pawns each was agreed a draw, neither side caring to risk playing for a win. The game was very interesting in all its phases.

Uber secured a Pawn ahead in an end-game with Bishop against Knight, but as the position was blocked it was difficult to exploit his surplus material. Just before the second adjournment he succeeded in resolving the deadlock, and appeared to have a straightforward win.

Blake secured a perfectly equal middle-game with his 3... P—Q R 3; 4... Kt—B 3 and 5... B—B 4 defence to the Lopez, but after his opponent had declined a draw, Blake made a slip, losing the Exchange at once. He made a fight for a draw with Bishop and 3 Pawns against Rook and 3 Pawns, but the end was inevitable.

ELEVENTH AND FINAL ROUND, Friday, August 13th.

	<i>Opening.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Gooding v. Macdonald ..	<i>Queen's Pawn Game</i>	*Drawn.
Heath v. Goldstein ..	<i>French Defence</i>	Heath won.
Blake v. Uber	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Blake won.
Yates v. Gurnhill	<i>Ruy Lopez</i>	Yates won.
Thomas v. Saunders ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	*Thomas won.
Wheatcroft v. Michell ..	<i>Queen's Gambit Declined</i> ..	Drawn.

* Adjourned.

Although Yates was certain of the first prize, four other players were interested in the remaining three prizes. Michell had 7 points, Saunders 6, Goldstein 5½ with an adjourned game which was a probable win, and Blake 5½.

First Goldstein consumed 40 minutes over his first 8 moves in order to secure a minute positional advantage. The natural result was that he ran very short of time and made a blunder costing the Exchange. Heath concluded the game in forcible style. This settled Goldstein's chance of sharing second prize.

Next Michell, who had won a Pawn in a position where it seemed unlikely that he could secure a win, agreed to a draw, as this left him undisputed second prize-winner.

The veteran Blake, seizing his opportunity, secured a withering King-side attack against Uber, who also played the Cambridge

Springs Defence. Playing with youthful *élan*, Blake forced a win in 37 moves, and thus made certain of at least tying for fourth place, with $6\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Saunders played the Orthodox Defence, and at one time seemed to have a slight advantage, but several Pawn weaknesses told against him, and at the adjournment Thomas was 2 Pawns ahead with Rook and Knight on the board. In the afternoon Saunders made a desperate fight for a draw, but after coming near it on several occasions, ultimately lost, thus ruling himself out of the prize-list at the twelfth hour.

Macdonald gave up a Pawn in the opening, but later recovered it, and an equal Rook end-game resulted. Gooding, anxious to improve his score, made many attempts to win, and the game came down to Rook and Pawn *v.* Rook. Macdonald, who was not very familiar with the Philidorian drawing position, more than once jeopardised the draw, but finally after over 100 moves were played he secured his $\frac{1}{2}$ -point. This was Gooding's second game of over a century in moves during the Congress.

Yates adopted the unusual Duras variation of the Lopez against Gurnhill, and secured the better game. He won a Pawn but had to leave his opponent with two Bishops against two Knights. Subsequently Yates won his opponent's Queen for Rook and Knight, and the end was not long delayed.

In the evening Goldstein and Macdonald continued their adjourned game from Wednesday. The former, who was 2 Pawns ahead in an end-game with Queen and 2 Knights each, soon won, thereby making his score $6\frac{1}{2}$, and tying with Blake for 3rd and 4th prize. This was the last game finished of the whole Congress.

Yates has thus repeated his previous successes in the championship at Cheltenham in 1913, Chester in 1914, and Malvern in 1921. In the present tournament he played better chess than any of his rivals and thoroughly deserved his fine success. Apart from his slip against Goldstein he never had the inferior position against any player. In this tournament he did not make so many combinations as usual, but instead gained most of his successes by superior position play. He has perhaps never played so well as in this tournament—certainly he has never played so soundly. He has been a worthy representative of England in international tournaments abroad, and we hope that his success here will spur him on to greater triumphs.

Michell started with two draws, but then won six games off the reel in good style to keep level with Yates. He did not play in his best form in his vital engagement with Yates in the ninth round, and only scored $\frac{1}{2}$ point out of his last three games. Nevertheless, he certainly deserved his second place, which equalled his previous best of 2nd to H. E. Atkins at Shrewsbury, 1906, with the same score of $7\frac{1}{2}$. He played three excellent games against his fellow City of London members—Blake, Goldstein and Gooding.

The success of the veteran Blake in style worthy of his palmyest days was very gratifying to his numerous admirers. He demonstrated

that it was possible to secure as strong an attack out of the Queen's Gambit Declined as out of his once-popular Vienna Game. Had it not been for unfortunate oversights his score would have been still better, for in an equal position against Gurnhill he lost the Exchange by a blunder; against Heath he had a drawn ending and against Yates, he lost a Pawn by a slip. On the other hand there was not the slightest suggestion of fluke in any of his six victories.

Goldstein, who tied with Blake for third and fourth prize, could feel satisfied at his first attempt on the British championship. He played some hard games in the first week, adjourning 5 of his games, and he had made the useful score of 4 out of 6 against the strongest players. However, he fell away considerably in the second week, when he could only add another $2\frac{1}{2}$ points, including a big slice of luck against Uber. He played some good games against Blake, Macdonald, Saunders and Yates. This time he did not run so short of time as usual, being easily eclipsed by Thomas in this doubtful honour.

Saunders was unlucky to be shut out of the prize list after his splendid start, for after the fifth round he led with $4\frac{1}{2}$ points. Losses to Goldstein and Gooding in successive rounds pulled him back to the field, and in the end he only scored $1\frac{1}{2}$ points out of his last 6 games. He played some very enterprising attacks, and deserved a better reward than he got.

The young Cambridge University captain, Thomas, did well to score 5 points, as this was the first time he had played in the tournament. For once he did not handle his end-games with his customary precision, but displayed good powers of combination in his four won games. In any case, his defeat of Michell in 20 moves would alone have justified his entry.

Considering that this is the first open tournament, apart from local tournaments, in which Wheatcroft has ever competed, he could be more than satisfied with his record. He drew with the second prize-winner and gained three victories in very convincing style. Although he has only played chess seriously for about a couple of years, he has already a considerable theoretical knowledge, and has combinative skill considerably above the average. His game against Heath was a most brilliant effort, and with further experience tempering his youthful ardour we shall expect him to make a name for himself in the chess-world very soon.

Gurnhill made a most depressing start with $\frac{1}{2}$ point out of his first six games, but in no wise dismayed he proceeded to win the next four games off the reel. In the first week he was quite out of luck, for he had winning games against Wheatcroft, Macdonald and Michell at one time, but in the second week the pendulum swung in his favour. He shows the usual determined stubbornness of the Yorkshireman in difficult positions, and when he co-ordinates his moves better he will come much higher up.

Heath started off auspiciously with $2\frac{1}{2}$ points out of his first three games, but later on lost six games in succession. He has an original style, which lacks soundness, but most of his opponents

refused to do what he hoped for, even in his prepared variations. Like Gurnhill he defeated two of the prize-winners.

Dr. Macdonald suffers very much from lack of match-practice, for being an eye specialist in the Highlands he has little opportunity of playing against first-class opposition. His three won games were examples of fine combinative play retrieving an inferior position, and against Gooding and Michell he defended Rook endings with great tenacity.

Gooding's score does not represent his real strength, for he came third in the recent City of London Championship against strong opposition. It is curious that he never seems to do well in the British Championship, although he always gives Yates a very hard fight. He played some very hard games, and it cannot have fallen to the lot of many players to contest two games of over 100 moves in an 11-round tournament. When a spectator asked him during the game how many moves his game with Yates had lasted, he replied 126, and expressed the hope that he would reach the 130 mark with a drive for 4 to the boundary.

Uber was quite out of luck, and in every game fate seemed to be dogging his footsteps. He missed two clear wins, and seemed to play without his customary energy.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1 F. D. Yates	—	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2 R. P. Michell	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 J. H. Blake	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	} III-IV ex aq.
4 M. E. Goldstein	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1†	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5 H. Saunders	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	6	
6 A. R. B. Thomas	0	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0	1	5	
7 G. S. A. Wheatcroft	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
8 C. R. Gurnhill	0	0	1	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	0	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
9 C. B. Heath	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	—	1	0	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 Dr. R. C. Macdonald	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4	
11 W. Gooding	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12 H. B. Uber	0	0	0	0†	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	1	—	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	

† Infraction of time-limit.

The Major Open produced a keen struggle for supremacy between the Russian master, E. Znosko-Borovski, now resident in Paris, the Hastings player, J. A. J. Drewitt, and the strong Londoner, J. H. Morrison. In the end there was a result unique in the annals of the Major Open Tournament, for there was a triple tie between these three players for the first place with 9 points each.

Thomas secured what should have been a winning attack in the Vienna against the Russian, but Znosko-Borovski subsequently outplayed him and at the end of the fifth round had 5 points. Drewitt, who lost to Morrison in the fourth round through embarking on an unsound sacrifice, and then drew with Howell-Smith, had 3 $\frac{1}{2}$; and Morrison, who lost to Moses in the first round and later drew with Thomas, had 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ also. In the sixth round Wright put up a stout

resistance and succeeded in drawing with Znosko-Borovski, who had $5\frac{1}{2}$ at the end of the week against the $4\frac{1}{2}$ of his two rivals.

In his next three games Znosko-Borovski drew successively with Barlow, Drewitt and Morrison, so that after the ninth round all three players had 7 points. Howell-Smith put up a great resistance and Znosko-Borovski did not win until the third session's play on Friday evening. On Friday morning he accounted for Turriff quickly and thus made 9. Drewitt defeated Atkinson and Moses, and Morrison beat Watts and Atkinson, so that all three finished with a score of 9 and tied for the first three prizes.

Znosko-Borovski played very soundly and finished off several of his games with pretty combinations. We give below his decisive game against Turriff in the last round.

GAME No. 5,727.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		19 Kt—R 4	19 P—Kt 3 ?
E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI		H. A. TURRIFF		A fatal loosening of his King-side position.	
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 3	20 Q—K 3	20 Q—Q 1		
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4	21 Q—Kt 3	21 Kt—R 4		
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	22 Q—B 2	22 R—B 2		
4 B—Kt 5	4 P×P	23 P—B 5 !	23 Kt P×P		
5 Kt×P	5 Q Kt—Q 2				
6 Kt—K B 3	6 B—K 2				
7 Kt×Kt ch	7 Kt×Kt				
8 P—B 3	8 P—Q Kt 3				
9 B—Kt 5 ch	9 B—Q 2				
.....In an earlier round against the Russian master, A. D. Barlow played 9... Kt—Q 2 ; B×B, Q×B ; 11 B—B 6 +.					
10 B—Q 3	10 B—B 3				
.....Castles at once was better					
11 Castles	11 Kt—Q 2				
12 B—K B 4	12 B—Q 3				
13 B×B	13 P×B				
14 Q—K 2	14 Castles				
15 Q R—K 1	15 Kt—B 3				
16 Kt—Q 2	16 Q R—B 1				
17 P—K B 4	17 R—K 1				
18 Kt—B 3	18 Q—B 2				
		24 Kt×P !	24 Q—Kt 4		
		If 24... P×Kt ; 25 Q×P, etc.			
		25 Kt×P	25 Kt—B 5		
		26 R—K 3	26 Kt×B		
		If 26... B×P ; 27 R—Kt 3, Kt—R 6 ch ; 28 K×B and wins.			
		27 R×Kt	27 K—B 1		
		28 R—Kt 3	28 Q—R 4		
		29 Kt×R	29 K×Kt		
		30 R—Kt 8 ch	30 K—K 2		
		31 Q—B 6 ch	31 K—Q 3		
		32 R—Q 8 ch	32 R—Q 2		
		33 R×R	33 B×R		
		34 Q×B P	34 Resigns		

Drewitt played as strongly as ever, and fully deserved his high place. He thus repeated his performance at Stratford-on-Avon, when he tied with Znosko-Borovski for first place with $9\frac{1}{2}$.

Morrison continued in improved vein, and added another to his recent successes. This is his best success yet, but we expect him to go much further. He had a difficult defence against Znosko-Borovski, but emerged with flying colours.

There was a tie for fourth place between the Yorkshireman, G. W. Moses, who only lost two games, but drew too many, and a newcomer to this tournament in H. G. Wright, who played at Bromley last year. He is to be heartily congratulated on his fine début in the

Major Open, more especially as he only scored 1 point out of his first 4 games, but did not lose another game.

Atkinson played some fine attacks, but made some blunders. Littlejohn was rather disappointing: he lost more games than one would have expected him to.

Barlow and Howell-Smith, who divided first place in the first-class at Stratford last year, again made the same score. Howell-Smith proved himself no easy man to beat, for besides drawing with three of the prize-winners in Drewitt, Moses and Wright, he compelled both Morrison and Znosko-Borovski to play three sessions against him.

Thomas very sportingly came forward to fill a vacancy, and played all his games, although he came straight from a nursing home each morning for his first four games.

MAJOR OPEN.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tl.	Prize.
1 J. A. J. Drewitt	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	9	I-II-III
2 J. H. Morrison	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	9	
3 E. Znosko-Borovski	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	9	
4 G. W. Moses	0	1	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	IV ex aq.
5 H. G. Wright	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6 W. Atkinson	0	0	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	5	
7 P. C. Littlejohn	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
8 A. D. Barlow	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	
9 S. G. Howell-Smith	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	
10 W. R. Thomas	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	—	0	0	3	
11 H. A. Turriff	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	1	—	1	—	3	
12 H. H. Watts	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	—	—	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	

At the end of the first week in the ladies' championship the scores were: Miss Price 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, Mrs. Stevenson 5, Mrs. Sollas 4 $\frac{1}{2}$, Miss Gilchrist 4, Miss Forbes 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, Miss Abraham, Miss Chater and Mrs. Michell 3, Mrs. Ritchie 2, Miss Andrews 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Mrs. Battram 0.

Miss Price had agreed a draw in an ending against Miss Gilchrist when subsequent analysis proved that she had a forced win; she had won all her other games, however,

The holder, Mrs. Stevenson, had lost to Mrs. Sollas through rushing things too much. It was pleasant to see Mrs. Sollas once more to the fore, and Miss Gilchrist had done well, not having lost a game in the first week.

In the seventh round a change came over the picture: Miss Price lost to Miss Chater in a well-played game and Mrs. Stevenson, by defeating Miss Gilchrist, went to the head with 6 against 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the next round the two leaders met, and a draw resulted. Both ladies won in the ninth round, but in the tenth Miss Price lost a piece to Miss Forbes by a blunder, and could not save the game. Mrs. Michell had a winning attack against Mrs. Stevenson, but allowed her to force perpetual check.

Accordingly, Mrs. Stevenson only needed a draw in the last round to retain her title, and she had no difficulty in drawing with Mrs.

Ritchie. Her third success in the championship (she won outright at Edinburgh in 1920 and at Stratford last year) was deservedly popular, for she plays very enterprising chess instead of "sitting on the splice" as some ladies are known to do.

Miss Price deserves sympathy for her ill-luck in making the blunder against Miss Forbes; but she will do better another year. Miss Gilchrist came third with a single defeat, and her performance is very creditable. Miss Chater showed a great improvement in form in tying for 4th place with the experienced Mrs. Michell. Mrs. Sollas fell away after her good start, and just missed the prize list.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1	Mrs. A. Stevenson	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2	Miss E. C. Price	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	0	I	I	I	I	I	8	II
3	Miss M. D. Gilchrist	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	III
4	Miss H. F. Chater	0	I	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	7	IV
5	Mrs. R. P. Michell	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	7	} <i>ex aq.</i>
6	Mrs. A. Sollas	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	0	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7	Miss M. C. Forbes	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	0	0	I	I	I	6	
8	Miss E. E. Abraham	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	—	I	0	I	I	5	
9	Miss M. Andrews	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	0	—	I	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10	Mrs. M. M. Ritchie	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4	
11	Mrs. J. Brockett	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	2	
12	Mrs. M. L. Battrum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	

There was a very keen fight in the first class, the proverbial pocket handkerchief covering the scores of six players, Mrs. Holloway, Major Sir Richard Barnett, Rev. A. P. Lacey-Hulbert, F. A. Joyce, J. Macalister and H. Parsons, after the tournament was well on its way. However, Parsons and Lacey-Hulbert emerged as winners, dividing first place, and the Coventry player, F. V. Dix by winning his last three games raced the others and secured third prize.

FIRST CLASS.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1	Rev. A. P. Lacy-Hulbert ..	—	I	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	} I-II <i>ex aq.</i> III
2	H. Parsons	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3	F. V. Dix	I	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	7	
4	Mrs. E. M. Holloway	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0*	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5	F. A. Joyce	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	I	I	I†	$\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6	Major Sir Richard Barnett ..	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I*	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	6	
7	J. Macalister	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	6	
8	F. Wilkinson	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	5	
9	H. H. Elliot	0	0	0	0	I	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10	G. K. Nuttall	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	—	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
11	B. Barton-Eckett	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0†	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12	G. D. Hutton	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	

* Infraction of time-limit.

† By Default.

The local player, J. Macdonald, won the Second Class A, after shaking off a challenge from W. Barker.

SECOND CLASS, SECTION A.

		I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	T'l.	Prize.
1	J. Macdonald	..	..	..	..	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	9	I
2	W. Barker	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3	A. C. Steadman	..	..	..	..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	7	III
4	P. H. Sullivan	..	..	..	..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I†	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5	H. H. Shelton	..	..	..	..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	0	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6	E. E. Shepherd	..	..	..	..	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	0	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7	L. Burland	..	..	..	..	0	0	0†	0	I	—	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
8	S. P. Lees	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	4	
9	A. Goldberg	..	..	..	..	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10	Miss A. Heard	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	2	
11	Mrs. B. Reid	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0	

† By Default.

In section B, Keeble won his first six games, and led Clissold and Taylor by a point. He could not keep this up in the second week, and Clissold emerged winner by $\frac{1}{2}$ point.

SECOND CLASS, SECTION B.

		I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	Prize.
1	N. Clissold	..	..	..	..	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	I	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2	J. Keeble	..	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I*	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	9	II-III
3	C. H. Taylor	..	..	..	..	0	0*	—	I	I	I	I	I	9	ex æq.
4	A. L. Densham	..	..	..	..	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	0	I	I	7	
5	G. Breese	..	..	..	..	0	I	0	—	0	0	I	I	6	
6	R. B. Dykes	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	I	—	0	I	I	6	
7	W. L. Wakefield	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	I	—	I	0	I	6	
8	J. E. Riley	..	..	..	..	I	0	0	0	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	5	
9	G. M. Rowson	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	—	I	5	
10	Miss S. Malcolm	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
11	G. A. Youngman	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	—	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12	Miss L. Eveling	..	..	..	..	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	

* Infraction of time-limit.

The old Hampstead player, G. W. Bedford, won Division 1 of the Third Class in superior style with 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ out of 10. This is his first first-prize in an open tournament, and the youthful octogenarian is hoping for fresh worlds to conquer next year.

THIRD CLASS, DIVISION I.

		I	2	3	4	5	6	T'l.	Prize.
1	G. W. Bedford	..	..	..	..	—	I $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	I
2	H. Doran	..	..	..	..	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3	J. E. Coleman	..	..	..	..	0 0	0 0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
4	Miss J. V. Kessen	..	..	..	..	0 0	0 0	4	
5	Mrs. M. M. Sim	..	..	..	..	0 0	0 0	3	
6	Mrs. A. Harrison	..	..	..	..	0 0†	0 0†	$\frac{1}{2}$	

† By Default.

Two promising youngsters in Pepper and Marshall were among the prize-winners in the other 3rd class section.

THIRD CLASS, DIVISION II.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	T'l.	Prize.
1	Mrs. Healey	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	O	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	} I-II } <i>ex æq.</i>
2	W. P. Pepper	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	O	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
3	Miss E. H. Henderson	O	O	—	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	} III } <i>ex æq.</i>
4	C. W. Marshall	I	I	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	O	I	I	I	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
5	Miss M. Crookshanks	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	I	I	I	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
6	J. M. Harris	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	O	I	—	I	O	I	I	I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
7	Miss M. R. Watson	O	O	O	O	O	O	—	I	I	I	I	4	
8	Mrs. M. Barker	O	O	O	O	I	O	O	—	O	I	I	3	
9	Mrs. E. Copland	O	O	O	O	I	O	O	O	—	O	I	2	
10	Miss M. Tweedie	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	I	I	—	O	2	
11	Mrs. A. Fletcher	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	I	—	I	

† By Default.

The usual excursions were arranged, including a whole-day visit to the Trossachs, etc., on Sunday, August 8th.

The first lightning tournament was held on August 4th, F. D. Yates winning 1st prize, with N. Clissold second, W. P. Pepper third and Miss Forbes fourth. In a subsequent informal tournament the winners were F. D. Yates, J. H. Morrison, M. E. Goldstein and W. Gooding.

Shortly after the first round of the second general lightning tournament on August 11th had been finished, one of the players, Mr. J. Marshall, a former Scottish champion, collapsed and died in a few minutes, although medical attention was immediately forthcoming. The tournament was at once abandoned and the rooms closed until the evening as a mark of respect.

On Friday afternoon, August 13th, E. Znosko-Borovski played 17 games simultaneously, winning 11, drawing 5 and losing 1.

On Saturday, August 14th, Canon Gordon Ross, president of the B.C.F., presided over the concluding ceremony.

Before the commencement the company stood for a moment in memory of the late Mr. J. Marshall.

The president referred at some length to the forthcoming international team tournament in London next summer, and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Arthur Rawson, president of the Imperial Chess Club.

A vote of thanks to the Scottish Chess Association, coupled with the name of Miss Malcolm, the local secretary, was proposed by Sir Richard Barnett and carried with acclamation. Mr. W. T. Watson, K.C., Miss Malcolm and Mr. C. Wardhaugh replied on behalf of the S.C.A.

A vote of thanks to the Press, proposed by Mr. G. D. Hutton, received suitable acknowledgment by Mr. E. S. Tinsley, representing *The Times*.

Mr. R. H. S. Stevenson, Miss Malcolm and Mr. C. Wardhaugh each received a present from the competitors in recognition of the arduous work they had put in to make the congress such a success.

HAMPSTEAD CHESS CLUB TOUR.

At the end of July a team of ten players, two of whom were accompanied by their wives, visited Belgium and Paris, and spent a very pleasant ten days combining chess and a holiday.

The party left Victoria on Saturday morning, July 24th, and arrived at Bruges the same evening. After dinner a pleasant hour was spent on the Canal, and next morning the Belfry and other famous sights of the town attracted attention. In the afternoon the team entrained for Antwerp, and by 3-30 p.m. the match with the local club was in full swing.

Play was keenly contested on all boards, but the home team gradually established a winning lead. Mercer lost material by a blunder, and Scrimgeour's game gradually grew worse. Embrechts surprised Rowson with a very pretty Rook sacrifice. Jellie got up a winning attack against Alekhine's defence, and Winter sacrificed two Pawns for a winning attack. Sergeant had a bad opening against the well-known Polish player and never recovered. M. E. Goldstein had a very exciting game which ended indecisively.

CERCLE D'ANVERS.				HAMPSTEAD.			
1	G. Koltanowski (Black)	..	0	W. Winter	..	..	1
2	E. Sapira	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	C. Gottesdiener	..	1	P. W. Sergeant	..	..	0
4	A. Dunkleblum	..	1	A. E. Mercer	..	..	0
5	J. Dunkleblum	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	H. Horowitz	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. F. Goldstein	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	I. Censer	..	0	E. M. Jellie	..	..	1
8	M. Karnel	..	1	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	0
9	M. van Stappen	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Busvine	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
10	F. Embrechts	..	1	G. H. Rowson	..	..	0
6				4			

On the next day the first of the two Brussels matches was played, and it resulted in an overwhelming victory for the visitors, who did not lose a single game. Louviau lost a Pawn in the early middle-game, but recovered it by a pretty combination. Bonwick overwhelmed his opponent with the Vienna, and the tail won effectively. R. F. Goldstein won a well-played ending with Bishops of opposite colour, and M. E. Goldstein had a winning advantage from the 15th move.

HAMPSTEAD.				CERCLE DE BRUXELLE.			
1	M. E. Goldstein (White)	..	1	M. Nebel	..	..	0
2	W. Winter	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. Louviau	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
3	W. E. Bonwick	..	1	— Kraitichik	..	..	0
4	R. F. Goldstein	..	1	A. Lenglez	..	..	0
5	P. W. Sergeant	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	— Varlin	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	A. E. Mercer	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Lancel	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	E. M. Jellie	..	1	— Neirynski	..	..	0
8	E. Busvine	..	1	— Finn	..	..	0
9	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	1	— van Beneden	..	..	0
10	G. H. Rowson	..	1	— Riza	..	..	0
8 $\frac{1}{2}$				1 $\frac{1}{2}$			

After seeing over Brussels the second match was played on Tuesday evening, July 27th. Half way through it appeared very uncertain whether the visitors would pull through, for Mercer and Sergeant had the inferior game, Bonwick was two Pawns to the bad and Winter had sacrificed two Pawns for an intricate attack. However, the tide subsequently turned decisively in favour of Hampstead, who won their second match without loss of a game. M. E. Goldstein and Winter won well, Bonwick retrieved his game in an unexpected manner by a forcible King-side attack, and Sergeant won a Pawn and the end-game.

HAMPSTEAD.				CERCLE DE PHILIDOR.								
1	W. Winter (Black)	..	..	I	A. Tackels	..	..	..	..	..	0	
2	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	..	I	M. Nebel	..	..	..	..	0	
3	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	..	..	A. Lenglez	..	..	..	..	0	
4	R. F. Goldstein	..	..	..	½	A. Louviau	..	..	..	..	½	
5	P. W. Sergeant	..	..	..	I	E. Lancel	..	..	..	..	0	
6	A. E. Mercer	..	..	..	½	— Barzin	..	..	..	..	½	
7	E. M. Jellie	..	..	..	½	— Strassel	..	..	..	..	½	
8	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	..	I	— Karfiol	..	..	..	..	0	
9	E. Busvine	..	..	..	½	— Jonnet	..	..	..	..	½	
10	G. H. Rowson	..	..	..	I	— Gaty	..	..	..	..	0	
				8								
									2			

Busvine, playing the Cracow variation of the Giuoco Piano, made an unfortunate blunder at the onset.

CERCLE DU PALAIS ROYAL.

HAMPSTEAD.

1 A. Baratz (Black)	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Winter	$\frac{1}{2}$
2 M. Romih	1	W. E. Bonwick	0
3 A. Ratner	1	P. W. Sergeant	0
4 H. Barthe	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. F. Goldstein	$\frac{1}{2}$
5 — Dembro	1	A. E. Mercer	0
6 — Anglade	0	E. M. Jellie	1
7 — Gromer	1	E. Busvine	0
8 — Poliker	1	E. J. Scrimgeour	0
9 — Soffer	0	A. Felber	1
	<u>6</u>		<u>3</u>

In the five matches played, Winter and Jellie both had the excellent record of 3 wins and 2 draws, and R. F. Goldstein was also undefeated with 2 wins and 3 draws. Bonwick had scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ out of 4, but the last match proved fatal to both Busvine and himself. M. E. Goldstein had $2\frac{1}{2}$ out of 3.

It was noticeable that the whole team played quite Pawn and move stronger than, when in England. This can perhaps be attributed in part to the slower time-limit of 32 or 36 moves in the first two hours, which is conducive to better play, since it allows time for reflection during the critical 15th to 25th moves of a game.

After the Antwerp match both teams were toasted in champagne or ginger ale according to inclination, and felicitous greetings were exchanged at all the matches. The visitors were very gratified at the cordial welcome which awaited them everywhere.

The party spent its spare time in Paris visiting the Louvre, Versailles, the Opera, etc., and returned to England on Monday, August 2nd. Everyone agreed that the tour had been highly interesting and enjoyable, and expressed the wish that it should be repeated next year.

The grateful thanks of the whole party are due to their indefatigable match-captain, Mr. E. Busvine, to whose initiative the whole plan was due. He not only made all arrangements about hotel accommodation, etc., but also did everything else conceivable for the comfort and well-being of his flock.

Game played in the Edinburgh Tournament.

GAME NO. 5,728.

Kieseritzky Gambit.

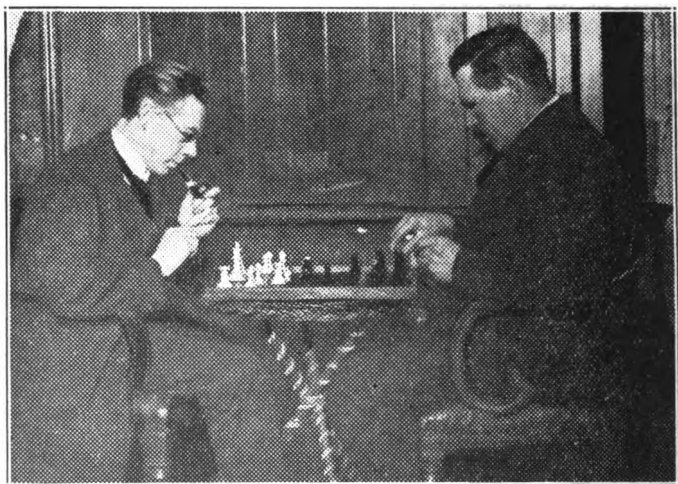
WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
C. B. HEATH		C. R. GURNHILL		C. B. HEATH		C. R. GURNHILL	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 4	12	P—B 3	12	P×P
2	P—KB 4	2	P×P	13	P×P	13	Kt—Q 2
3	Kt—KB 3	3	P—K Kt 4	14	Kt×Kt	14	Q×Kt
4	P—KR 4	4	P—Kt 5	15	Q R—Q 1	15	Kt×B
5	Kt—K 5	5	Kt—KB 3	16	Q×Kt	16	B×B
6	B—B 4	6	P—Q 4	17	Kt×B	17	Q—K 3 ch
7	P×P	7	B—Kt 2	18	K—B 2	18	Q×Kt
8	P—Q 4	8	Castles	19	P—Q Kt 3	19	Q—B 7 ch
9	B×P	9	Kt×P	20	R—Q 2	20	Q—Kt 3
10	Q—Q 2	10	B—K 3	21	P—R 5	21	Q—B 3
11	Kt—R 3	11	P—Q B 4				and wins.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Hertfordshire Championship.—For the second successive year G. P. A. Richards, of Barnet, has won the individual championship of the Hertfordshire Chess Association. Among his victims were F. N. Braund (the old Hampshire player, now living at Ware), C. K. Trotter (Chestnut) and E. G. Attenborough (Bushey Chess Club), the latter being his opponent in the final.

We have pleasure in giving a picture of W. Bridger, the new champion of Sussex. Mr. Bridger is almost a veteran now: his exploits can be found in volumes of the *B.C.M.* a surprising number of years ago. He has changed little, however, during his long homage at the shrine of Caissa, always the same robust and pugnacious antagonist and one of the most difficult men to beat in all the county teams. He has done an immense amount of work in the wilds of Sussex to introduce and encourage the game, and to persuade his colleagues to support the competitions and matches arranged by the county executive. We wish him many more victories in the Sussex championship.

Our best thanks to G. G. Garland for sending us the photo.



MR. W. BRIDGER (*right*),
Chess Champion of Sussex.

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The annual general meeting of the Poor Law Officers' Correspondence Chess Association was held at the Gambit Chess Rooms, Budge Row, London E.C., on July 20th, 1926. The hon. president,

W. J. Taylor, of Aylesbury, presided over a good assembly. Encouraging reports were given by the two secretaries, Messrs. Burton and Pragnell, who were afterwards thanked for their services and re-elected for another season. Great interest and keen competition is still manifest in all games. There is an additional incentive in the tourney handicap. A president's prize for winner of most games, and another given by J. Foley, London, for player with most losses! Full results and winners will appear in next issue. A match with the *Chess Amateur* League ended in their favour $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$. Another match, this against the *Referee*, is proceeding and is being well contested. The financial position is good, and new members are steadily enrolling. Committee re-elected: B. C. Amies, W. D. Street, R. A. Fenner, G. D. Fenn.

The thirtieth competition for the Newcastle trophy resulted in a win for R. G. Knowles, the runner-up being C. W. Fallows, both Newcastle men, although the competition is open to all players in Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland and Westmoreland and the Norty Riding of Yorkshire. One of the competitors who was defeated in the semi-final and whose name is well known all over the North, writes as follows:—

I acknowledge receipt of silver cup from you. I have taken part in your Trophy Competition for thirty years without a break. I can remember when there were over 160 entries. This is my ninth prize in your competition, and of them all this is the best by 200 per cent. I shall enter again, for I intend to make my cup a pair.—E. PARKER.

E. A. Znosko-Borovsky is preparing a Correspondence Chess Course which will be ready early in the winter. The course will consist of six lessons and will be suited to Advanced, Medium or Weak players. The fee will be three guineas inclusive, and will be varied for the individual requirements of each pupil.

Znosko-Borovsky will be pleased to give further information to those interested, who should write to him at 33 rue de Cronstadt, Paris XV.

We are informed by E. H. Church that there will be a tournament arranged at Cambridge on November 15th, lasting for six days till the 20th.

Mr. Church is of opinion that the attractions of Cambridge are such that having once visited the town, players would always come again, and thinks there is certainly room for an annual Chess Week to be held each autumn.

Further particulars as to tournaments and events later.

We are pleased to hear from Oscar L. Browne that he is forming a Chess Club at Bedford which will open with the coming season. As there is already a strong club at Luton it looks as if Bedfordshire will soon become opponents to be feared.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS

Canada.—We have not yet the definite list of players in the Canadian championship, which began at Montreal on August 22nd; but it appears that Alexis Cartier, the Montreal champion, is unable, through business reasons, to compete. He took part, however, in a preparatory tournament in Montreal, with Messrs. Harvey, Blanchard, Wilson, Lidsky and Moncur.

M. Fox, who has just taken up a position at St. Catherine's, is expected to be in the championship list.

In the play-off for the first place in the Montreal C.C. championship, H. Lidsky, D. C. Robertson and J. Sawyer, who had made a triple tie, played one another twice again, with the result that each scored 2-2!

The tie-match S. E. Gale *v.* G. Eastman, for the championship of Toronto, ended unsatisfactorily in a score of 2½ each, Gale winning the last game by default. Eastman protested, but the Toronto Chess Association ruled in Gale's favour. The title, therefore, remains in abeyance.

A match between L. Blanchard and J. B. Harvey, both of Montreal, was won by Blanchard by a score of 4-1.

A new chess club, the Bell Telephone C.C., has been founded in Montreal, with an initial membership of 25.

The Montreal C.C. has accepted a challenge from the Boston C.C. to an 8-board match, to be played at Portland, Maine.

We are indebted for these items to *Le Pion* (Montreal).

Australia.—The 41st telegraphic match between New South Wales and Victoria ended in a crushing victory for the former by 8½-1½. After adjudication of 5 unfinished games by W. S. Viner, the scores were as follows, the N.S.W. representatives being put first in each instance:—

S. Crakanthorp 1, F. L. Vaughan 0; A. E. N. Wallace 1, S. Woinarski 0; C. J. S. Purdy 1, G. Gundersen 0; H. V. Crane 1, J. A. Erskine 0; W. H. Jonas ½, S. Merkel ½; J. A. Kinman 1, E. D. Stanes 0; L. Crakanthorp 1, W. F. Coultas 0; A. G. Shoebridge 1, M. Fox 0; S. Ray 0, W. G. Kannalul 1; A. V. Nielden 1, J. D. McKie 0.

The *Australasian* claims that J. S. Stanley, who played first in an inter-state telegraphic match in 1870 and last played (and won) in one in 1921, 51 years later, thereby created a world's record. He is still, happily, alive.

New Zealand.—On June 16th the Wellington C.C. celebrated its 50th birthday with a re-union presided over by W. Mackay (president for the last eight years) and very well attended. The principal event of the evening was a lightning tournament of 52 players, divided into three classes of strength. In the final pool, played a

fortnight later, F. K. Kelling, of the senior division, took first prize, H. Douglas, intermediate section, took second, and W. Fink, junior section, third—these players being scratch, Pawn and move, and Pawn and two moves respectively.

South Africa.—The annual match, Overseas-born *v.* Colonial-born, at Capetown last month ended in a victory for the latter by 36—15. At Durban a little earlier the Home-born beat Colonial-born by 11—9.

The indefatigable J. H. Burton has succeeded in organising his sixth chess club in South Africa, the latest being at Kimberley, with a membership of 50 as a start! The president is Stanley Thompson, once a competitor in a South African tournament; the vice-president F. K. Löwenthal, K.C., an old Cambridge Blue; and the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Burton himself. Kimberley, of course, has had chess clubs before, so that there was a good nucleus of players.

Previous to the foundation of the club a tournament was held in Kimberley for the championship of Griqualand West, which was won by Stanley Thompson, with a score of $9\frac{1}{2}$, Burton being second with $8\frac{1}{2}$, and F. B. Beeby third with $7\frac{1}{2}$. At the prize-giving on June 1st (when the chess club was formed) a match was played, British-born *v.* South Africa and elsewhere-born, which was won by the former.

A quadrangular tournament is in progress at the new club, the scores at the end of the first half being: Burton $2\frac{1}{2}$, Thompson 2, Beeby $1\frac{1}{2}$, and Löwenthal 0.

United States.—We give now the table of the Pan-American tournament at Lake Hopatcong, of which we reported the bare result last month:—

	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 J. R. Capablanca	— —	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	1 1	6
2 A. Kupchik	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	— —	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
3 G. Maroczy	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	— —	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
4 F. J. Marshall	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ 0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	— —	1 0	3
5 Ed. Lasker	0 0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0	0 1	— —	$1\frac{1}{2}$

Capablanca never looked like losing a game. Scoring $4\frac{1}{2}$ points in the first 5 rounds, he relaxed his efforts and finished up with 3 more draws. Kupchik lost the first game he played (to Capablanca), but after that only dropped 4 half-points. Maroczy, however, should have beaten him in their second game. The Hungarian started the tournament well with 2 wins, then lost 2, and finally just missed taking second prize. Marshall was quite out of form, and Edward Lasker, losing his first five games, could only score his one win in the 7th round.

The first brilliancy prize was awarded to Capablanca for his win in the 6th round over Lasker.

The following game, in the 9th round, was the shortest in the tournament. Capablanca captured two Pawns, but was afterwards

unable to extricate his Queen and had to be content with a draw. He took 35 minutes, and Marshall 49, over the game.

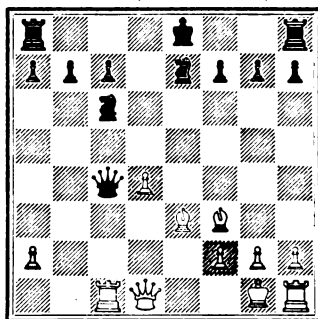
GAME No. 5,729.

Centre Gambit.

WHITE MARSHALL.	BLACK CAPABLANCA
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 P—Q 4	2 P×P
3 P—Q B 3	3 P—Q 4
4 K P×P	4 Q×P
5 P×P	5 Kt—Q B 3
6 Kt—K B 3	6 B—Kt 5 ch
7 Kt—B 3	7 B—Kt 5
8 B—K 2	8 B×Kt
9 B×B	9 Q—Q R 5
10 B—K 3	10 B×Kt ch
11 P×B	11 Q×P ch
12 K—B 1	12 Q—B 5 ch
13 K—Kt 1	13 K Kt—K 2
14 R—B 1	
(See diagram)	
15 R—R 1	14 Q×R P
16 R—B 1	15 Q—B 5
17 R—R 1	16 Q—R 7
18 R—B 1	17 Q—B 5
	18 Q—R 7
Drawn	

Position after 14 R—B 1.

BLACK (CAPABLANCA)



WHITE (MARSHALL)

The annual meeting of the Western Chess Association began in Chicago on August 21st. This year there is a "national" tournament as well as the usual Western championship. The former was expected to include Marshall, Maroczy, Kupchik (who is not therefore defending his title of Western champion), Edward Lasker, Chajes, Jaffe, Factor, Showalter, Isaacs, Banks, and the young Isaac Kashdan champion of the Rice Progressive C.C.C.—and also perhaps C. Torre, from Mexico.

The New York State championship took place at Rome, N.Y., August 16th—21st, the entries being somewhat impaired by the coincidence of the closing date with the opening day of the W.C.A. congress.

France.—The 4th national championship under the auspices of F.F. des E. is being held at Biarritz this month, when a strong provincial entry will probably be seen. It is a curious fact that the main native chess talent in France is at present to be found rather outside than in Paris. In the capital there is a very powerful band of players, but they are mostly of foreign extraction. Aurbach seldom tests his great ability nowadays. Lazard was not met by the recent Hampstead visitors to Paris. Janowski, Alekhine, Bernstein, Barasz, Znosko-Borovsky, Romih, Ratner, Potemkin, and a number of other experts usually to be seen at the Palais Royal and the Cercle Philidor, hail originally from other lands than France. Of the rising generation, Betbeder, Gromer, and one or two others who may be accounted

French are the most enthusiastic performers. But it is jestingly said that Russian is the most useful language in Parisian chess circles to-day.

Alekhine left Paris on July 31st, on his way to his engagement in South America. He was accompanied on the journey by Potemkin, who also intends to make a short stay in Latin America.

In the first section of the 33rd annual tournament of the Cercle Philidor the first and second places fell to Halberstadt and Pomtemkin *ex æquo*, Bertrand and Kahn tieing for third prize.

As we go to Press, we have received from M. Gaudin, the *commissaire général technique* of the Biarritz congress, the following list of entries for the national championship: MM. Renaud (ex-holder), Anglade, Betbeder, Chéron, Fabre, Gaudin, Gibaud, Grauer, and F. Lazard.

Germany.—A small masters' tournament at Hanover, August 9th—18th, resulted as follows: I, A. Nimzovitch, $6\frac{1}{2}$; II, A. Rubinstein, 6; III, W. von Holzhausen, 4; IV, J. Mieses and F. Sämisch, 3; O. Antze, $2\frac{1}{2}$; A. Duhm and H. von Gottschall, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Nimzovitch and Rubinstein drew with one another in the third round. Rubinstein also dropped half a point to Sämisch in the fifth round, which decided the destination of the first two prizes.

Holland.—This year's congress of the Nederlandsche Schaakbond took place at Utrecht, July 19th-30th. M. Euwe once more won the championship, his score being 10 (9 wins and a draw each against Fick and van Hoorn). R. J. Loman was second with $7\frac{1}{2}$, G. Kroone third with 7, and W. A. T. Schelfhout fourth with 6. The remaining scores were: L. Fick, J. J. Pannekoek and P. F. van Hoorn, $5\frac{1}{2}$; H. Meyer, $4\frac{1}{2}$; G. W. Kloosterboer, A. G. Olland and A. E. van Foreest, 4; and J. L. Kersten, $2\frac{1}{2}$.

J. Davidson, once well-known in London chess, was among the original entries, but withdrew, his place being taken by Meyer, who entered from Batavia.

Belgium.—The 6th congress of the Belgian Chess Federation opens at Spa on September 1st, the chief event being an international tournament for six Belgian and six foreign players. Sir George Thomas is one of the latter.

Hungary.—At the Budapest congress, reported in our last issue, the three leading scores in the Major Tourney were: M. Walter, $11\frac{1}{2}$; B. Sarközy, $10\frac{1}{2}$; and A. Tchepurnoff, $9\frac{1}{2}$.

In the Women's Tourney the scores were: Mrs. Holloway, $6\frac{1}{2}$; (dropping a half-point to Frau Kalmar only); G. Harun and P. Wolf-Kalmar, $5\frac{1}{2}$ each; K. Farrago, G. Guga, and J. Pohlmar, 3 each; Dr. Manzoni, $1\frac{1}{2}$; and G. Reisz, 0. We regret being unable to give all the ladies their proper style.

The Hungarian side which won the international team-tourney included in its three matches Messrs. Vajda, E. Steiner, Sterk, Negyessy, Zinner, and Bakonyi.

Austria.—At the congress of the German Chess Association of Vienna the result of the masters' tourney was a joint victory for K. Gilg (Mährisch-Ostrau) and H. Wagner (Hamburg), who scored 7 points each. A. Dünnmann (Vienna), W. Hilse (Bremen), and E. König (Kula), were only half-a-point behind, while J. Lokvenc (Vienna) scored 6, P. S. Leonhardt (Königsberg) and S. R. Wolf (Vienna) $5\frac{1}{2}$. W. von Holzhausen (Magdeburg) 5, M. Blümich (Leipzig) and B. Hönlinger (Vienna) 4, and B. Moritz (Stettin) $2\frac{1}{2}$. A. Vajda at the last moment was unable to compete.

The two principal Hauptturniers were won by Schmitt (Munich) and Beutum (Vienna), who gained the titles of German and Austrian masters respectively.

In the international match, 6 a-side, double-round, Austria beat Germany by $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, the players and scores being as follows (Austrians first in each case):—

König $\frac{1}{2}$, Leonhardt $1\frac{1}{2}$; Prof. A. Becker $1\frac{1}{2}$, Wagner $\frac{1}{2}$; Dünnmann 1, Hilse 1; Lokvenc 2, v. Holzhausen 0; Wolf $\frac{1}{2}$, Blümich $1\frac{1}{2}$; Hönlinger 1, Moritz 1.

Austria was thus avenged for her defeat at Dresden earlier in the year by $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$.

Czecho-Slovakia.—Three tournament results have to be recorded. At Mährisch-Ostrau in early July K. Gilg scored 7 points in a double-round contest of 6 players, K. Hromadka and J. Stastny scoring $5\frac{1}{2}$ each.

At Reichenberg on July 17th began the 5th congress of the German Chess Association of Czecho-Slovakia, in which the principal event was won by Prof. R. Bauer, with a score of 5 points in 7 games. K. Kühn and K. Lamprecht scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ each.

At Bad Bartfeld, on July 18th, a tournament of 13 masters opened, the result of which was that S. Tartakover and H. Mattison ($8\frac{1}{2}$) tied for 1st and 2nd prizes, the 3rd falling to A. Asztalos (8), the 4th to E. Colle ($7\frac{1}{2}$), the 5th to B. Kostich (7), and the 6th to Schulz ($6\frac{1}{2}$).

Sweden.—On June 6th Göteborg won a match by "wireless" against Hamburg, scoring $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Allan Nilsson, unpartnered, beat Heinicke and Røese, while G. Nyholm and J. Ryden drew with Wohl and Taube.

Norway.—In the national championship tourney H. C. Christoffersen, of Drammen, and L. Hanssen, of Oslo, tied with 5 points each.

Mexico.—Carlos Torre, beating J. J. Araiza, A. Freyria, and M. Soto twice each in a double-round tournament for the championship of Mexico, has issued a challenge to F. J. Marshall for a match for the Pan-American championship. Marshall has previously accepted the challenge.

OBITUARY.

The death occurred on June 6th of the well-known Victorian chessplayer, Henry Tate. Mr. Tate, according to the *Australasian*, joined the Melbourne chess circle some years before the war, and rapidly rose to inter-state rank, playing with success in 1915-24. In the latter year he was appointed musical critic to one of Melbourne's leading journals, which work left him little time for serious chess, so that inter-state play and tourney competition had to be abandoned. In 1914-15 he acted as editor of our Melbourne contemporary's chess column with signal success. Though only 51 years old, he leaves behind him many poems and literary articles, together with songs and musical work of a high standard.

Though we are not aware that he ever took an active part in chess, the third Earl of Eldon, who died so suddenly in London on August 10th, was a familiar figure at tournaments, which he was wont to attend with his daughter, Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell, playing the part of a good looker-on for a day or two at a time. Lord Eldon was in his 81st year.

We are sure that all our readers will join us in offering respectful sympathy to Mr. E. G. Sergeant on the sadly premature death of his wife at the beginning of last month. The late Mrs. Sergeant was the daughter, as well as the wife, of a chessplayer. Her father was Mr. Carter, of Gravesend, who some thirty years ago was a strong player at the Metropolitan C.C., though he preferred as a rule to watch rather than take part in tournament-play.

James Marshall died suddenly on August 11th while actually playing in the lightning tournament at the British Chess Federation congress at the Albyn Rooms, Edinburgh. He had come over from his home at Stirling to see the play and decided to take part in the quick play. After winning one game, however, he suddenly collapsed and expired in a few minutes despite medical aid from other competitors. The *Falkirk Herald* states that the loss of Mr. Marshall is a heavy blow to Scottish chess, for he was a powerful player and generous patron. He won the championship of Scotland in 1889, but the following year was recommended for an appointment in Japan by the late William Black, another leader of Scottish chess. Mr. Marshall was a great success at the work he had undertaken and eventually became a partner in the firm of Findlay, Richardson & Co., Ltd., merchants, of Manila, Tokio and Kobe, whose head offices are at 34 West George Street, Glasgow. He came home for good in 1920 and immediately resumed his connection with chess, being elected president of Glasgow Club in 1921, and of the Scottish Chess Association in 1922.

At the time of his death Mr. Marshall was wearing the gold watch presented to him by his colleagues twenty-seven years ago on leaving to take up his Eastern appointment.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Bardsley, The Chelms, Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time. The new Tournies commence on October 1st, and entries must be forwarded to the above address not later than September 21st. The fee is 7/6 the first year, and 5/- per year afterwards. Players will be arranged in classes from 1 down to 5. All Association magazines are free.

We have just completed our twentieth year as an Association, and no doubt steps will be taken at the General Meeting in October, to celebrate the occasion. We would be glad of members' help in securing recruits. Most new members wish to enter the interesting Trophies Tourney, and as this tourney cannot be entered after September 21st, now is the best time to receive new members. We are glad to hear that a subscription is being raised by the B.C.F. for J. D. Chambers, of Cardiff, who is one of the oldest stalwarts of chess, and still plays in class 1 of our Trophies Tourney. E. Bodkin also has a wonderful record with our Association. In seven years, out of 236 games played, he has won 193, lost 20, and drawn 23. Can anyone beat this record? Further particulars of his successes will be recorded in our next Year-book.

Trophy results.—Class 1.—E. Bodkin wins his section with a score of 6, one loss and two draws. We congratulate Mr. Bodkin on his first win in the premier class of the Trophies Tourney. The remaining scores are as follows: Class 1: Gunston 1, Illingworth 0; Gunston 1, Rockett 0; Dr. Macdonald 1, Gunston 0. Class 2a: Parsons $\frac{1}{2}$, Bardsley $\frac{1}{2}$; Terry $\frac{1}{2}$, Kitchener $\frac{1}{2}$; Evill 1, Parsons 0; Kitchener $\frac{1}{2}$, Parsons $\frac{1}{2}$; Bardsley 1, Terry 0; Evill 1, Terry 0; Bardsley 1, Ditcham 0. Class 2b: Armitage $\frac{1}{2}$, Toledano $\frac{1}{2}$; Gale 1, Lesser 0; Shead 1, Shelton 0; Stoneman 1, Armitage 0; Shelton 1, Armitage 0; Lesser 1, Armitage 0. Class 3a: Finch 1, Whitty 0; Finch 1, Heywood 0; Finch $\frac{1}{2}$, Brown $\frac{1}{2}$; Duffell 1, Gurney 0; Duffell 1, Dutton 0; Duffell $\frac{1}{2}$, Whitty $\frac{1}{2}$; Finch 1, Duffell 0; Gurney 1, Whitty 0; J. E. Dutton 1, J. Brown 0; Dutton 1, Heywood 0. Class 3b: Hopkins 1, Coole 0; Day and McCluskey resign all outstanding games. Class 4a: Aston $\frac{1}{2}$, Richardson $\frac{1}{2}$; Murray 1, Oldfield 0; Behrndt $\frac{1}{2}$, Heath $\frac{1}{2}$; Mrs. Macvean 1, Behrndt 0; Behrndt 1, Oldfield 0. Class 4b: Houghton 1, Beckwith 0; Davis 1, Somerville 0. Class 5: Mrs. Fish 1, Bond 0; Mead 1, Halford 0; Mead 1, Boutland 0; Miss Eveling 1, Miss Herridge 0; Lister 1, Miss Eveling 0; Miss Baker 1, Boutland 0; Derlien 1, Miss Eveling 0; Lister 1, Bond 0; Miss Herridge 1, Bond 0.

Handicap results.—Armitage beat Berg; Anderton beat McClusky (2); Boutland beat Ree; Bardsley beat Ward; Bodkin beat Jago

(2), Evill (2), Rynders (2), Armitage (2), Wilson, and Harper (2); Duffell beat Armitage and Kennedy; Miss Drummond beat Milburn; Fairclough beat Murgatroyd; Harper beat Hamilton; Hamilton beat Harper and Wilson; Jackson beat Sir S. Shead, Stoneman and Barker; Johnstone beat Hopkins and Houghton (2); Kennedy beat Miss New (2), Wilcox, McClusky, Duffell, Rynders and Hopkins; King, D. B., beat Hopkins (2); Lesser beat Oldfield; Lister beat Garrus; Martin beat Macvane, Rapley and Marquis (2); Milburn beat Browning and Murgatroyd (2); Murgatroyd beat Fairclough; McCluskey beat Kennedy; Rynders beat Anderton; Rapley beat Murgatroyd and Hamilton (2); Sir S. Shead beat Jackson; Simeon beat Browning; Tyzack beat Murray and Gosling (2); Tapsfield beat West; Whicher beat Bodkin and Evill; Wilcox beat Somerville, Organ and Harper; Wilmshurst beat Somerville; Browning beat Milburn, Simeon and Boutland; West beat Tapsfield, Terry (2) and Organ.

Draws.—Anderton *v.* Rynders, Behrndt *v.* Day, Berg *v.* Wilcox, Fairclough *v.* Wilcox, Ripley; Heath *v.* Wilmshurst (2), Harper *v.* Whicher, Kennedy *v.* Wilcox, Martin *v.* Macvane, Ward *v.* Wilcox, Organ *v.* Wilcox.

New Knock-out Tourney.—Lesser beat Terry; Kennedy beat Duffell; Parsons beat Boutland; Bussell beat Griffin; Ward beat Oldfield; Coole beat McClusky; Lawrence beat Harper; Jones beat Brayne; West beat Murray; Wilcox and Jayne drew. There are still nine results to come to hand. Winners enter the Gold Medal Section, and losers the Silver Medal Section. Unfinished games to be forwarded on August 31st. J. McClusky has been compelled to retire owing to his sight failing.

Old Knock-out.—McDonald beat Terry.

The annual general meeting will be held in London on October 4th.

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GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME No. 5,730.

Played in the sixth round of the British championship at Edinburgh. Notes by M. E. Goldstein.

Queen's Gambit Accepted.

WHITE
G. S. A. WHEATCROFT

BLACK
C. B. HEATH

1 P—Q 4 1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4 2 P×P
3 Kt—K B 3 3 P—K 4

.....The idea of this novelty appears to be to hold the gambit Pawn at the expense of a centre Pawn. The alternative 3... B—Kt 5; 4 Kt—K 5, B—R 4; 5 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—Q 2! has not yet been demolished.

4 Kt×P 4 B—Kt 5 ch
5 Kt—B 3 5 P—Q Kt 4
6 P—Q R 4 6 P—K B 3

.....Apprehensive of danger by 7 P—K 3, threatening 8 P×P and 9 Q—B 3. But the text-move creates a fresh weakness of which White takes skilful advantage ten moves later.

7 Kt—B 3 7 P—B 3
8 P—K Kt 3 8 B—Kt 2
9 B—Kt 2 9 P—Q R 3
10 Castles 10 Kt—K 2
11 P—K 4

White's obvious advantage in position is sufficient to discredit Black's system of defence.

11 Castles
12 P—K 5 12 Kt—Q 2
13 P×P 13 Kt×P
14 Kt—Kt 5 14 R—K 1
15 P×P

If at once 15 B—R 3, Black can defend himself by 15... B—B 1.

15 R P×P

(See Diagram)

16 B—R 3!!

The object of this totally unexpected Rook sacrifice is simply

to prevent the defensive resource, B—B 1! Black's defence now becomes extremely difficult, and it is only possible to indicate the leading lines of play, which perplexed a large circle of analysts for many an hour.

16 R×R
17 B—K 6 ch 17 K—B 1
18 Q—B 3

White wished to play the brilliant continuation 18 Kt×P ch, Kt×Kt; 19 Q—B 3 ch, Kt—B 3; 20 Q×Kt ch! P×Q; 21 B—R 6 mate, but rightly rejected it on account of the interposition, 19... Kt—B 4.

18 Kt—Q 4

.....A very plausible move; but 18... Kt—Kt 3 would have occasioned White more trouble, e.g., 19 Kt×Kt P, P—R 3; 20 Kt—R 7 ch, K—K 2; 21 B—B 5, etc., or 19 Q Kt—K 4, K—K 2! or 19 Kt×P ch! K—K 2; 20 Kt×Kt, R—B 1!

19 Q Kt—K 4 19 B—B 1

.....At last! But it is of no avail. If 19... P—R 3 (or 19... K—K 2; 20 Q—K 2); 20 Kt—R 7 ch, K—K 2; 21 B×Kt.

20 Kt×P ch 20 K—K 2
21 B×Kt 21 Q×B
22 Kt(R7)×Kt 22 P×Kt
23 Q×P ch 23 K—Q 2
24 Q—Kt 7 ch 24 K—Q 1
25 Kt—B 6

Here 26 B—Kt 5 ch, B—K 2; 27 B×B ch, R×B; 28 Q—B 8 ch was tempting, but after 28... R—K 1 White has nothing better than perpetual check by 29 Q—B 6 ch, etc.

25 R×B!

.....Black in his turn lays a trap. 26 Kt×Q cannot be played because of the mate in three by 26.., R×R ch; 27 K×R, B—R 6 ch; 28 K—Kt 1, R—K 8; nor can White play 26 Kt×R on account of 26.., B—R 6!

26 R×R 26 Q—B 6
27 Kt×R 27 B—K R 6

.....A fatal blunder, allowing White to force off Queens and leave an end-game the Exchange and two Pawns ahead. But even after 27.., K×Kt White has winning chances, for Black's Queen is tied down to the defence of her Q B, and after a little preparation White will be able to advance his K R P to Queen.

28 Q—B 6 ch 26 Q×Q
29 Kt×Q 29 K—K 2
30 Kt—K 4 30 B—K B 4
31 P—B 3 31 K—K 3
32 K—B 2 32 B—B 1

33 P—Kt 4 33 B—Kt 3
34 P—R 4

And White won after a few more moves. If Mr. Wheatcroft lives up to the promise of this game he has a brilliant future in the chess world before him.

Position after 15.., R P×P.



Other games from the same tournament.

GAME No. 5,731.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
M. E. GOLDSTEIN	R. P. MICHELL	M. E. GOLDSTEIN	R. P. MICHELL	M. E. GOLDSTEIN	R. P. MICHELL	M. E. GOLDSTEIN	R. P. MICHELL
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	24 Kt×Kt	24 B P×Kt	44 Q×Q	44 P×Q ch		
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3	25 Kt—K 5	25 Kt×Kt	45 K×P	45 R×P ch		
3 Kt—K B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	26 P×Kt	26 Q—R 3	46 K—B 4	46 R—Q B 6		
4 B—K Kt 5	4 Q Kt—Q 2	27 R—B 5	27 R—Kt 3				
5 Kt—B 3	5 B—K 2	28 K—R 2	28 Q—Kt 4				
6 P—K 3	6 Castles	29 P—Kt 3	29 R—K B 1				
7 R—B 1	7 P—B 3	30 K—Kt 2	30 Q—B 4				
8 B—Q 3	8 P—Q R 3	31 Q R—B 1	31 P—K R 4				
9 P×P	9 K P×P	32 Q—Kt 2	32 Q—K 3				
10 Castles	10 R—K 1	33 R—Q R 1	33 P—R 5				
11 B—B 4	11 Kt—B 1	34 K—R 2	34 R—B 6				
12 P—K R 3	12 B—Q 3	35 R—K Kt 1	35 P×P ch				
13 B×B	13 Q×B	36 P×P	36 R×K P				
14 Q—B 2	14 Kt—Kt 3	37 R—R 8 ch	37 K—R 2				
15 B—B 5	15 B×B	38 Q—Kt 8	38 R—K 7 ch				
16 Q×B	16 R—K 2	39 R—Kt 2	39 R×R ch				
17 Q—Kt 1	17 Q R—K 1	40 K×R	40 R—R 3				
18 P—Q Kt 4	18 Kt—K 5	41 P—Kt 4	41 Q—B 2				
19 P—Q R 4	19 P—K B 4	42 Q—R 8 ch	42 K—Kt 3				
20 P—Kt 5	20 R P×P	43 Q—K B 8	43 Q—B 6 ch				
21 R P×P	21 Q—B 3	44 Q×Q	44 P×Q ch				
22 P×P	22 P×P	45 K×P	45 R×P ch				
23 Q—Kt 6	23 R—K 3						

and wins.

GAME No. 5,732.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
J. H. BLAKE		W. GOODING		J. H. BLAKE		W. GOODING	
1	P-Q 4	1	P-Q 4	23	Q-B 3	23	P-Q B 4
2	P-Q B 4	2	P-K 3	24	Q P x P	24	R x R ch
3	Kt-Q B 3	3	Kt-K B 3	25	B x R	25	P x P
4	B-Kt 5	4	B-K 2	26	P x P	26	B-B 3
5	P-K 3	5	Castles	27	Kt-Q 4	27	Q x P
6	Kt-B 3	6	Q Kt-Q 2	28	Kt x B	28	Q x Q
7	R-B 1	7	P-B 3	29	Kt-K 7 ch ?	29	Kt x Kt
8	B-Q 3	8	P x P	30	R x Q	30	Kt-Q 2
9	B x P	9	Kt-Q 4	31	Kt-K 4	31	P-B 4
10	B x B	10	Q x B	32	B-R 4	32	Kt-K 4
11	Kt-K 4	11	R-Q 1	33	Kt-Q 6	33	R-Q 1
12	Castles	12	Kt-B 1	34	R-K 3	34	K Kt-Kt 3
13	Q-Kt 3	13	Q-B 2	35	B-Kt 3	35	K-B 1
14	Kt-Kt 3	14	Q-Kt 3	36	B x P	36	P-B 5
15	Q-B 2	15	B-Q 2	37	R-Q Kt 3	37	K-K 2
16	P-K 4	16	Kt-K 2	38	B-R 3	38	Kt-B 5
17	K R-Q 1	17	B-K 1	39	R-Kt 7 ch	39	K-B 3
18	Q-B 3	18	Q R-B 1	40	R-B 7 ch	40	K-Kt 4
19	P-Kt 4	19	Q-B 2	41	R-B 5 ch	41	K-R 5
20	B-Kt 3	20	Q-Kt 1	42	R-Q 5	42	Kt x Kt
21	Q-B 5	21	K Kt-Kt 3	43	B-K 6	43	Kt-K 4
22	P-K 5	22	P-Kt 3	44	P x Kt		Resigns

GAME No. 5,733.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W. GOODING		G. S. A. WHEATCROFT		W. GOODING		G. S. A. WHEATCROFT	
1	P-Q 4	1	Kt-K B 3	28	R-Kt 2	27	Q x P ch
2	P-Q B 4	2	P-K Kt 3	29	Q x Q ch	28	Kt-Kt 5
3	Kt-Q B 3	3	B-Kt 2	30	Kt-K 4	29	R x Q
4	P-K 4	4	P-Q 3	31	B-K 2	30	R-Kt 2
5	P-B 4	5	Castles	32	Kt x P	31	Kt-K 4
6	B-K 2	6	P-B 4	33	K x R	32	R x R ch
7	P-Q 5	7	P-K 3	34	Kt-K 4	33	P-Kt 3
8	Kt-B 3	8	P x P	35	K-Kt 3	34	K-Kt 2
9	K P x P	9	R-K 1	36	B-B 3	35	Kt-Kt 3
10	Castles	10	Kt-Kt 5	37	P-R 3	36	P-K R 3
11	P-K R 3	11	Kt-K 6	38	Kt-Q 6	37	P-B 4
12	B x Kt	12	R x B	39	P-Kt 4	38	K-B 3
13	Q-Q 2	13	R-K 1	40	P x P	39	K-K 4
14	B-Q 3	14	Kt-Q 2	41	Kt-B 7 ch	40	P x P
15	Q R-K 1	15	Kt-B 3	42	B-R 5	41	K-Q 5
16	R x R ch	16	Q x R	43	K-B 4	42	Kt-K 2
17	R-K 1	17	Q-B 1	44	P-Q 6	43	B-K 1
18	P-B 5	18	B-Q 2	45	B-B 3	44	Kt-B 1
19	P-K Kt 4	19	P x P	46	Kt-K 5 ch	45	K x P
20	P x P	20	R-K 1	47	P-Q 7	46	K-Kt 6
21	R-K B 1	21	B-R 3	48	Kt x B	47	B x P
22	Kt-Kt 5	22	Q-Kt 2	49	B-Q 5	48	P-B 5
23	P-K R 4	23	Kt-Kt 5	50	Kt x Kt	49	Kt-Kt 3
24	P-B 6	24	Kt x P	51	K x P ?	50	P x Kt
25	Q-B 4	25	B x Kt	52	K-K 5	51	P-Kt 4
26	P x B	26	R-K 4			52	K-Kt 7
27	R-B 2						Resigns

(27 P-Kt 6 wins).

GAME NO. 5734.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. SAUNDERS	G. S. A. WHEATCROFT			H. SAUNDERS	G. S. A. WHEATCROFT		
1 P—K Kt 3		1 Kt—K B 3		22 P—Kt 5		22 Kt—B 4	
2 B—Kt 2		2 P—K Kt 3		23 B—K B 1		23 Kt—Q 6	
3 P—K 4		3 P—Q 3		24 B×Kt		24 P×B	
4 P—Q 4		4 B—Kt 2		25 Q×P		25 B—K 3	
5 Kt—K 2		5 Kt—B 3		26 P×P		26 P×P	
6 Castles		6 Castles		27 Q—R 6		27 Q R—B 1	
7 P—Q B 3		7 P—K 4		28 P—Kt 5		28 Kt—Q 4	
8 Q—Kt 3		8 Q—K 2		29 Kt—K 4		29 Q—K 2	
9 P—Q 5		9 Kt—Kt 1		30 Kt—B 4		30 K R—Q 1	
10 Kt—R 3		10 Kt—R 4		31 R—Kt 1		31 B—B 4	
11 B—Q 2		11 P—K B 4		32 B—R 5		32 R—Kt 1	
12 P×P		12 P×P		33 R—K 1		33 R—Q 2	
13 Q R—K 1		13 Kt—Q 2		34 Q×B P		34 B×Kt	
14 Q—Q 1		14 Q—B 2		35 P×B		35 Kt—Kt 5	
15 P—Q Kt 4		15 P—B 5		36 B×Kt		36 R×B	
16 P—B 3		16 Q×Q P		37 P—K R 4		37 R—B 2	
17 P—Kt 4		17 K Kt—B 3		38 Q—Q 5 ch		38 Q—B 2	
18 Q—B 2		18 Q—B 2		39 Q—Q 8 ch		39 B—B 1	
19 P—B 4		19 P—B 3		40 Kt×P		40 Q—Kt 2	
20 R—B 2		20 P—Q 4		41 R×P		41 R (B 2)—Kt 2	
21 Kt—B 3		21 P×P		42 Q R—K B 1		Resigns	

GAME NO. 5735.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
G. S. A.	WHEATCROFT	M. E.	GOLDSTEIN	G. S. A.	WHEATCROFT	M. E.	GOLDSTEIN
1 P—Q 4		1 P—Q 4		21 Kt—B 6		21 Q—Q 3	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K 3		22 Kt—K 4		22 Kt×Kt	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 P—Q B 3		23 Q×Kt		23 P—Kt 3	
4 P—K 3		4 Kt—B 3		24 B—R 6		24 K R—Q B 1	
5 Kt—B 3		5 Q Kt—Q 2		25 Q—K 5		25 P—B 3	
6 B—Q 3		6 P×P		26 Kt×B ch		26 Q×Kt	
7 B×P		7 P—Q Kt 4		27 Q—Kt 3		27 K—B 2	
8 B—Q 3		8 P—Q R 3		28 B—K B 4		28 Kt—Q 4	
9 Castles		9 P—B 4		29 B—Q 6		29 Q—Q 2	
10 P—Q R 4		10 P—Kt 5		30 B—B 5		30 B—B 3	
11 Kt—Kt 1		11 B—Kt 2		31 P—Q Kt 3		31 Kt—B 6	
12 Q Kt—Q 2		12 B—K 2		32 R—K 1		32 B—Q 4	
13 Q—K 2		13 Castles		33 B—B 4		33 K—Kt 2	
14 R—Q 1		14 Q—B 2		34 Q—Kt 4		34 R—K 1	
15 Kt—B 4		15 P—Q R 4		35 R—K 3		35 Q R—B 1	
16 B—Q 2		16 K R—Q 1		36 Q R—K 1		36 B×B	
17 Q Kt—K 5		17 P×P		37 P×B		37 R—B 3	
18 Q R—B 1		18 Q—Kt 1		38 R×Kt		38 P×R	
19 P×P		19 Kt—Kt 3		39 Q—B 3		39 P—B 7	
20 Kt—Kt 5		20 R—K B 1		40 Q—B 3		40 P—K 4	
				Resigns			

GAME NO. 5,736.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
R. P. MICHELL		H. B. UBER		R. P. MICHELL		H. B. UBER	
1	P—Q 4	1	P—Q 4	17	P×P	17	B—B 2
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—K 3	18	Kt—Q Kt 3	18	R—K 3
3	Kt—K B 3	3	P—Q B 3	19	B—Q 2	19	B—Kt 1
4	P—K 3	4	Kt—Q 2	20	P×P	20	P×P
5	Q Kt—Q 2	5	P—K B 4	21	R—Q R 1	21	R×R
6	B—Q 3	6	Q—B 3	22	R×R	22	B—Q 3
7	P×P	7	K P×P	23	R—R 8	23	Kt—Kt 1
8	Castles	8	B—K 2	24	Kt—Kt 3	24	R—K 2
9	R—K 1	9	K—Q 1	25	Kt—Q R 5	25	P—Q B 4
10	Q—B 2	10	Kt—R 3	26	P×P	26	B—K 4
11	R—Q Kt 1	11	R—K 1	27	Q—Kt 3	27	Kt—Q 2
12	Kt—B 1	12	P—K Kt 4	28	Kt—Kt 7 ch	28	K—B 2
13	P—Q Kt 4	13	P—Kt 5	29	B—R 5 ch	29	Kt—Kt 3
14	K Kt—Q 2	14	P—Q R 3	30	Kt—Q 6	30	B×Kt (Q 3) ^b
15	P—Q R 4	15	B—Q 3	31	Q×Kt ch	31	K—Q 2
16	P—Kt 5	16	R P×P	32	Q—Q 8 ch		Resigns

GAME NO. 5,737.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
G. S. A. WHEATCROFT		F. D. YATES		G. S. A. WHEATCROFT		F. D. YATES	
1	P—Q 4	1	Kt—K B 3	31	Q×R	31	Q—Q 3
2	P—Q B 4	2	P—Q Kt 3	32	Q—K 4	32	K—B 2
3	Kt—K B 3	3	B—Kt 2	33	B—K 3	33	K—K 3
4	P—K Kt 3	4	P—K 3	34	K—Kt 2	34	K—Q 2
5	B—Kt 2	5	B—K 2	35	Q—B 2	35	K—B 1
6	Castles	6	Castles	36	K—B 2	36	K—Kt 1
7	Kt—Q B 3	7	P—Q 3	37	K—K 2	37	Q—K 3
8	Q—B 2	8	Q Kt—Q 2	38	Q—Q 3	38	P—K B 4
9	R—Q 1	9	P—B 4	39	Q—B 2	39	P—K R 4
10	P—K 4	10	Q—Kt 1	40	P—K Kt 5	40	Q—Q 3
11	P—Q Kt 3	11	R—Q 1	41	B—B 2	41	K—Kt 2
12	B—Kt 2	12	P—Q R 3	42	P—K R 4	42	K—B 3
13	P—K R 3	13	R—R 2	43	K—B 1	43	Q—K 3
14	P—K 5	14	B×Kt	44	K—K 2	44	P—K 5
15	B×B	15	P×K P	45	P×P	45	P×P
16	P—Q 5	16	P×P	46	Q—Q 2	46	B—Q 3
17	Kt×P	17	Kt×Kt	47	Q—K 3	47	Q—Kt 5 ch
18	R×Kt	18	P—B 3	48	K—K 1	48	B—K 4
19	Q R—Q 1	19	Kt—B 1	49	K—B 1	49	B—Q 5
20	Q—B 5	20	P—K Kt 3	50	Q—Kt 3	50	Q×Q
21	R×R	21	B×R	51	B×Q	51	P—Q Kt 4
22	B—Q 5 ch	22	K—Kt 2	52	K—K 2	52	P×P
23	Q—K 4	23	R—Q 2	53	P×P	53	K—Q 2
24	P—K Kt 4	24	Kt—K 3	54	K—B 1	54	K—K 3
25	R—K B 1	25	Kt—B 5	55	K—Kt 2	55	K—B 4
26	K—R 2	26	Q—Q 3	56	K—B 1	56	K—Kt 5
27	R—Q 1	27	B—B 2	57	B—K 1	57	K—B 6
28	P—K B 3	28	Q—K 2	58	B—R 5	58	P—K 6
29	B—B 1	29	Kt×B	59	B—K 1	59	P—K 7
30	R×Kt	30	R×R				mate.

GAME No. 5,738.

King's Knight's Gambit.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
C. B. HEATH		R. P. MICHELL		C. B. HEATH		R. P. MICHELL	
1	P-K 4	1	P-K 4	30	Kt x R	30	P-K B 4
2	P-K B 4	2	P x P	31	Kt-B 3	31	R-K 1
3	Kt-K B 3	3	P-Q 4	32	K-B 3	32	K-Kt 2
4	P x P	4	Kt-K B 3	33	Kt-Q 1	33	K-B 3
5	B-Kt 5 ch.	5	Q Kt-Q 2	34	P-K R 4	34	R-K 4
6	Kt-Q B 3	6	Q-K 2 ch	35	Kt-Q B 3	35	B-K B 1
7	B-K 2	7	P-K Kt 3	36	R x P	36	R x R ch
8	Castles	8	B-R 3	37	K x R	37	K-K 4
9	P-Q 4	9	Castles	38	P-R 3	38	B-B 4 ch
10	R-K 1	10	Kt-Kt 3	39	K-B 3	39	P-Q R 3
11	B-B 4	11	Q-Q 1	40	Kt-K 2	40	B-Q B 1
12	B-Kt 3	12	Q Kt x P	41	Kt-B 4	41	B-Kt 2
13	Kt x Kt	13	Kt x Kt	42	B-R 2	42	B-K 2
14	Kt-K 5	14	P-Q B 3	43	Kt-Q 3 ch	43	K-Q 3
15	Q-B 3	15	Q-R 5	44	Kt-B 4	44	B-B 3
16	B-Q 2	16	B-K 3	45	P-Q Kt 4	45	P-Q Kt 4
17	P-B 4	17	Kt-K 6	46	Kt-K 6	46	B-Kt 7
18	P-Kt 3	18	Q-R 6	47	Kt-B 8	47	B x P ch
19	B x Kt	19	P x B	48	B x R	48	K x B
20	P-Q 5	20	P x P	49	Kt x R P	49	B x P
21	P x P	21	B-B 4	50	Kt-B 8	50	B x P
22	Kt-B 4	22	B-Kt 5	51	Kt x P	51	P-R 4
23	Q-Kt 2	23	Q R-K 1	52	K-K 3	52	K-B 5
24	Q x Q	24	B x Q	53	Kt-K 5 ch	53	K-Kt 6
25	Q R-Q 1	25	B-Q 2	54	Kt-Q 3	54	B-B 1
26	Kt-Q 6	26	R-K 2	55	P-R 5	55	P-R 5
27	R-Q 4	27	P-Kt 3	56	K-Q 4	56	P-R 6
28	K-Kt 2	28	K-R 1	57	Kt-B 1 ch	57	K-B 7
29	R-K 4	29	R x R	58	Kt-Q 3	58	P-R 7
					Resigns		

GAME No. 5,739.

Irregular Opening.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. B. UBER		F. D. YATES		H. B. UBER		F. D. YATES	
1	Kt-K B 3	1	Kt-K B 3	15	P-K B 4	15	P x Q P
2	P-Q Kt 3	2	P-B 4	16	K P x P	16	P x P
3	B-Kt 2	3	P-Q Kt 3	17	Q Kt x P	17	P-Q Kt 4
4	P-K 3	4	B-Kt 2	18	Kt-K 3	18	Q-Kt 3
5	P-Q 4	5	P-K 3	19	Kt x Kt	19	B x Kt
6	B-Q 3	6	Kt-B 3	20	K-R 1	20	Kt-Q 4
7	Castles	7	B-K 2	21	P-B 5	21	B-Kt 4
8	Q Kt-Q 2	8	Castles	22	Kt x Kt	22	B x Kt
9	P-Q B 4	9	R-Q B 1	23	Q-R 5	23	P-K R 3
10	Q-K 2	10	Kt-Q Kt 5	24	P x P	24	Q x K P
11	B-Kt 1	11	P-Q 4	25	B-Q 3	25	P-Kt 3
12	P-Q R 3	12	Kt-B 3	26	Q-K 2	26	Q x Q
13	K R-Q 1	13	Q-B 2	27	B x Q	27	R-B 7
14	Kt-K 5	14	K R-Q 1		Resigns		

PROBLEM WORLD

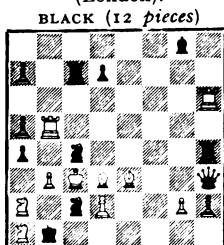
By B. G. LAWS.

All communications respecting problems must be addressed to Mr. B. G. Laws, 21 Nelson Road, Stroud Green N.8.

BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The fifth international problem tourney has not proved to be so satisfactory as the promoters could have wished. In the two-move section only 37 entries were received and but seven in the three-move section. In the latter case three for certain reasons must be disqualified and as regards the remaining four it is doubtful if two of them really comply with the conditions. It is certain two do not, but the judges will have to decide the matter. On the whole it looks as if the committee will be justified in returning to the respective contributors to the competition their entries and cancelling the tourney.

By B. J. DE C. ANDRADE
(London).



WHITE (10 pieces)
Reflex mate in two

REFLEX CHESS.

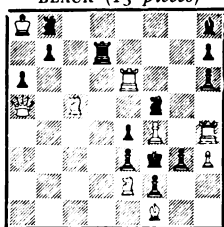
We give another specimen problem which will be found to be full of life and variety. The "half-pin" device we believe is quite new in this class of composition, and is here cleverly manipulated. For the benefit of those who are not acquainted with Reflex problems we repeat the stipulations, namely: White undertakes to force Black to mate, with the provision that Mate must be given by either party when this is possible on the move.

TOURNEY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS CLUBS (F.I.D.E.), 1926.

First Prize.

By Karl HARDER.

BLACK (13 pieces)

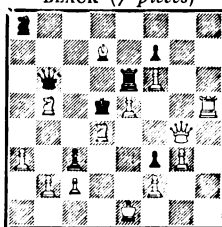


WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.

By O. Nagy.

BLACK (7 pieces)

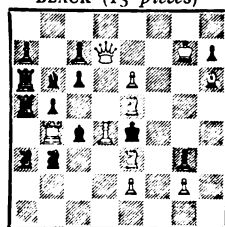


WHITE (13 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By R. KINTZIG.

BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in three.

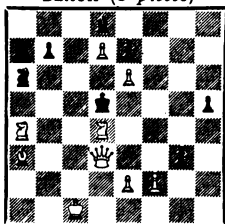
Fourth, L. B. Salkind ; fifth, J. Hartong ; sixth, J. Opdenoordt.
Hon. mentions, Dr. F. Rduch, V. Marin, I. Gross, K. Erlin and O. Nemo, W. Karsch and A. W. Daniel.

"DAILY NEWS" TOURNEY, HALF-YEAR, 1926.

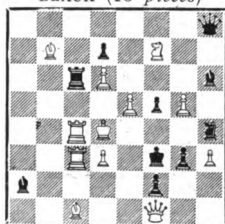
Prize Problems.

By A. C. CHALLENGER
(London).

BLACK (8 pieces)

WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.By W. T. HARDING
(Manchester).

BLACK (10 pieces)

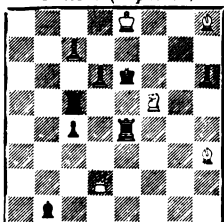
WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in two.

CHAKMATI TOURNEY, 1925.

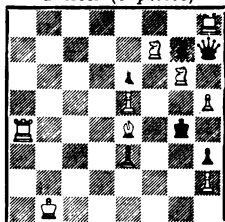
Two-Movers.

First Prize (*ex æquo*).
By P. E. NEUNYWAKO.

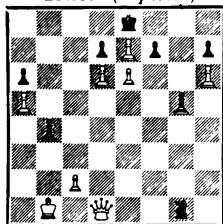
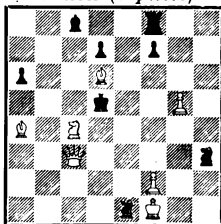
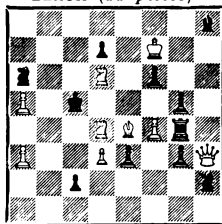
BLACK (8 pieces)

WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in two.First Prize (*ex æquo*).
By S. P. FILORETOW.

BLACK (6 pieces)

WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Three-Movers.

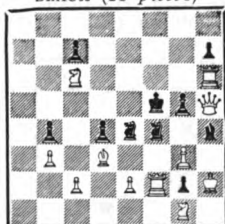
First Prize.
By N. KARZEY.
BLACK (8 pieces)WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.Second Prize.
By F. A. L. KUBBEL.
BLACK (8 pieces)WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.Third Prize.
By W. J. SCHIFS.
BLACK (11 pieces)WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

"FRANKISCHEN ARBEITER SCHACHZEITUNG" TOURNEY.

First Prize.

By P. WAHLMARK.

BLACK (10 pieces)



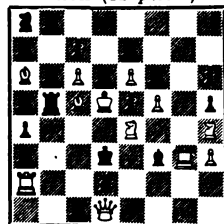
WHITE (19 pieces)

Self-mate in two.

Second Prize.

By P. WAHLMARK

BLACK (12 pieces)



WHITE (12 pieces)

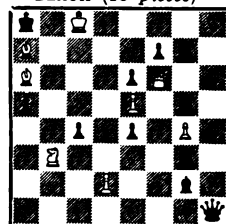
Self-mate in two.

The annexed is a version of E. Kadera's problem we gave March last. In June Mr. Gibbins contributed a rendering which was unsound and this has suggested to Mr. Alexander the accompanying. It will be noticed a White Knight has been used, but this seems really necessary to preserve all the points.

By F. F. L. ALEXANDER

(after E. Kadera).

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in three.

BABSONTASK AWARD.

From the *Brentano's* Tasks to the Babsontask.

In 1881-82 *Brentano's Chess Monthly* offered prizes for four-move problems based upon the following ideas:—

1. "The advancement of four White Pawns to eighth rank, claiming Knight at each move;
2. "The advancement of a White Pawn in four variations, in one of which the Pawn must claim Queen, in one Rook, in one Bishop, and in the other Knight.;
3. "The advancement of a Black Pawn to eighth rank, creating four different variations according to whether said Pawn claims a Queen, Rook, Bishop or Knight."

Of the three tasks, the third proved the most difficult. It was first achieved by Otto Wurzburg in 1913 (A), and later by Dr. H. W. Bettmann (in 1916—see B). In 1907 Alain C. White had already accomplished the task in two-move and three-move (C) self-mate form.

In 1913 Joseph N. Babson composed a three-move self-mate based on a new theme, which was defined as "the four-fold promotion of a Black Pawn countered by the same four promotions of one or more White Pawns." Mr. White christened the new task "the Babsontask" in honour of its originator, and offered a prize for another sound rendering, which was won by Mr. Babson, three White Pawns being promoted in the winning problem (D).

In 1924 Mr. Babson published Problem E, which was highly praised, and which requires the promotion of only two White Pawns after the key-move.

The next chapter in the development of the *Brentano's* tasks and the Babsontask was the achievement in 1925 by Mr. Babson of no less a feat

than ACTUALLY COMBINING THE SECOND AND THIRD BRENTANO'S TASKS in a three-move self-mate, i.e., composing a problem in which the four-fold promotion of a single Black Pawn on a single square was answered by the same four promotions of SINGLE WHITE PAWN on a single square. Mr. Babson's problem, however, contained promoted (or obtrusive) pieces in the diagram, and the informal competition just closed was inaugurated for the purpose of eliminating the obtrusive pieces and retaining Mr. Banson's achievement of eight promotions by only two Pawns (one black and the other white).

Only one sound entry (duplicated as stated below) complying with these conditions was received, and it gives us great pleasure to reproduce the winning problem by Dr. H. W. Bettmann, which was received June 17th, 1925. The simplicity and ingenuity with which Dr. Bettmann has demonstrated the accurate combination of the promotions make the problem one of the most striking self-mates extant, the added minor promotion key being an interesting feature.

The exact catoptric counterpart of this problem (White King on h5, Black King on f6, etc.) was received February 7th, 1926, from Hugo August, of East Altenessen, Germany, and, with slight modification, from W. Krämer, of Essen-Dellwig, Germany, June 15th, 1926, the cash prize of twenty-five dollars being captured by Dr. Bettmann's earlier problem, and book prizes going to Messrs. August and Krämer.

An ingenious rendering of the task in four-move self-mate form was received from Knud Hannemann, of Randers, Denmark. Several other composers attempted the task, but their renderings were inaccurate in some particular of the promotions, or otherwise faulty. Books will be sent to each as a souvenir of the occasion.

CONDITIONS FOR A SECOND \$25.00 CASH PRIZE COMPETITION.

In only one detail does it now seem that the task can be carried any further, namely in avoiding the captures by the Black Pawn. This further refinement might well be christened THE PERFECT BABSONTASK, and defined as "the four-fold promotion of a non-capturing Black Pawn answered by the same four promotions of a non-capturing White Pawn." For the best sound and legal rendering of the "Perfect Babsontask" in three-move self-mate form a CASH PRIZE of twenty dollars is hereby offered, and this prize will be increased to twenty-five dollars if the winning problem also has a non-capturing promotion key-move. By the term "legal rendering" is meant that the problems must be possible in actual play, and that no promoted (or obtrusive) piece may appear in the diagram. The Black Pawn may of course capture in an added or subsidiary variation, but not in the four main lines of play.

Every rendering of the "Perfect Babsontask," sound in the four promotion variations, will receive a book prize, except that not more than one book will be awarded to any one competitor. This applies also to versions with obtrusive pieces, which are valuable as furnishing possible clues for further experiment.

One copy of each entry should be sent to Alain C. White, Litchfield, Conn., U.S.A., and two additional copies of each to R. E. Powers, 1177 Quivas Street, Denver, Colorado, U.S.A. Entries may be received up to July 1st, 1928, and any competitor may enter more than one problem, if he so desires.

Entries will be tested by Mr. Powers, and, in case of several sound versions being received, an award will be made by Mr. White. The soundness of the four promotion variations, the absence of obtrusive pieces, the presence of a non-capturing key, or both, and the economy of the renderings will be the points emphasised in the award. In the case of two identical (or practically identical as in the case of the entries of Messrs. Bettmann, August and Krämer in the contest just closed) entries being sent in, then the composer whose problem is first received (allowance being made for distance in the mails) will win the cash prize.

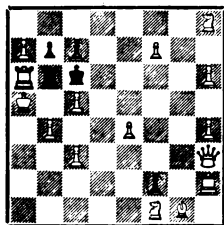
R. E. POWERS.
ALAIN C. WHITE.

First Prize.

Dr. H. W. BETTMANN.

June, 1925.

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (15 pieces)

Self-mate in three.

1 P—R 8 becomes B.

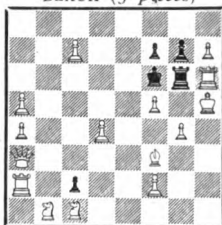
Book Prize.

W. KRÄMER (Essen-

Dellwig, Germany),

June 3rd, 1926.

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (15 pieces)

Self-mate in three.

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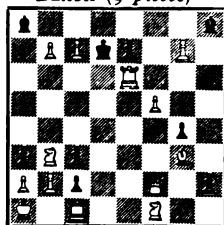
Book Prize.

By KNUD HANNEMANN

(Randers, Denmark),

June 7th, 1926.

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (13 pieces)

Self-mate in four.

1 P×KB becomes R.

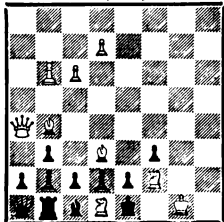
A

By OTTO WURZBURG,

Norwich Mercury,

April 8th, 1913.

BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Mate in four.

1 B—Kt 5.

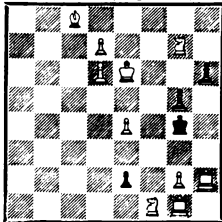
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By Dr. H. W. BETTMANN,

Pittsburg Gazette Times

April 2nd, 1916.

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

Mate in four.

1 Kt—R 5.

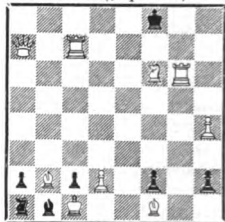
C

By ALAIN C. WHITE,

Mats Inverses, 1907,

Frontispiece.

BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)

Self-mate in three.

1 Q R—K Kt 7.

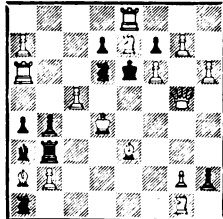
D

By JOSEPH N. BABSON,

Pittsburgh Gazette Times

March 1st, 1914.

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (15 pieces)

Self-mate in three.

1 P—R 7.

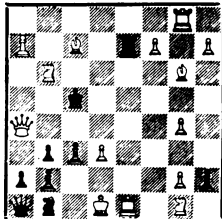
E

By JOSEPH N. BABSON,

American Chess Bulletin

February, 1924.

BLACK (9 pieces)



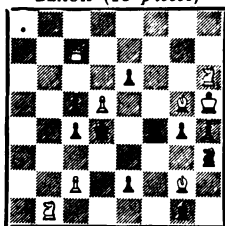
WHITE (14 pieces)

Self-mate in three.

1 P—B 8 becomes B.

"WIENER SCHACHZEITUNG" TOURNEY.

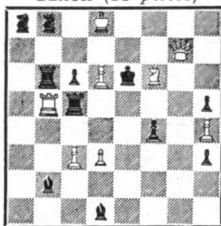
First Prize.

By R. WEINHEIMER
BLACK (10 pieces)

WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in three.

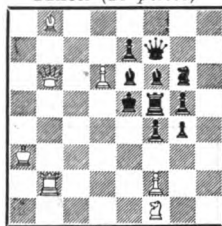
Second Prize.

By T. SALAMANCA
BLACK (11 pieces)

WHITE (8 pieces)

Mate in three.

Third Prize.

By Dr. F. RDUCH.
BLACK (10 pieces)

WHITE (7 pieces)

Mate in three.

Fourth, O. Votruba ; fifth, T. Salamanca ; sixth, O. Nemo.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2571, by A. Ellerman.—1 Kt—Q 1. An illustration to show how a Black Queen with fair freedom can be controlled without allowing a dual mate—clever at that, but nothing more.

No. 2,572, by W. Langstaff.—1 Q Kt—B 6. The self-pinning of the Queen by the key is a good but novel feature. The defences to the threat and consequent replies are ingeniously schemed.

No. 2,573, by J. Bronowski.—1 Q—K R 8, K—Kt 4 ; 2 B—B 3. If 1... others ; 2 Q—B 6. We are indebted to Mr. Gibbins for this dainty Queen and Bishop three-mover. It is remarkable that with a scanty force there are no fewer than seven model mates. It is true when each of these mates are given, the moving pieces occupy the same squares—a veritable mating net.

No. 2,574, by K. S. Howard.—1 B—B 6 (threatening) ; 2 B—Q 5. If 1... Q—K 3, Kt×B P ch. If 1... B—K 3 ; 2 R (B 4)—B 5 ch. If... Q R—Q 5 ; 2 K×Q P ch. If... K R—Q 5 ; 2 R—K 4 ch. These are the principal lines of play of this fine composition, which, unfortunately, is spoiled as 1... R—Q 3 seems to be an effective reply, as after 2 P×P, Q—B 1 ch is upsetting. Perhaps a Black Knight on this square would put matters right, but other troubles may be caused thereby. We are sure the author can put the problem in order.

By A. C. Challenger (p. 378).—1 R—B 7, P—Q 3 or K B moves ; 2 R—B 4 ch. If 1... P—Q 4 ; 2 R—K 7 ch. If 1... K—Q 4 ; 2 Q—K 2. If 1... K—Q 6 ; 2 Q—Kt 2. If 1... others ; 2 R×Q P. A fine key move with quiet threat—just the sort of problem to worry a solver with a time limit pending. There are good points here but Mr. Challenger does better !

By B. G. Laws (p. 378).—1 Kt—Q 3, B×P ; 2 Q—K 7 ch. If 1... K×R ; 2 Q×Q P ch. If... P—Q 3 ; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch. If... Kt×P or R×R ; 2 Kt—B 2 ch. If 1... P×P ; 2 Kt—Kt 4. If 1... B—B 4 ; 2 Q—K 5 ch. A sorry expedient in the give and take key and the triple threat. Here we have a kind of mating nets with the King at Q 4 and Q 6, with consequential models.

By F. C. Dixon (p. 379).—1 Q—K R 1. Were this not a mutate one would not see much in it, but as it happens with a fairly good and deceptive arrangement it is appreciably good.

By C. E. V. Berry (p. 379).—1 P—K 6. A posthumous work by Mr. Vincent Berry who composed a good many excellent two-movers. This is really a good specimen of what he was capable of.

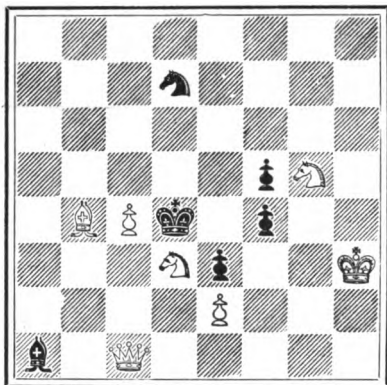
Owing to pressure on our space a number of solutions have been held over.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2579.

By HANDLEY RHODES
(London).

BLACK (6 pieces)



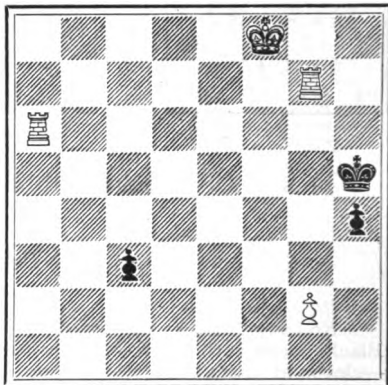
WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2580.

By N. M. GIBBINS
(London).

BLACK (3 pieces)



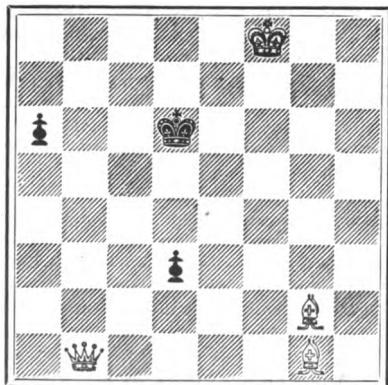
WHITE (4 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2581.

By B. J. de C. ANDRADE
(London).

BLACK (3 pieces)



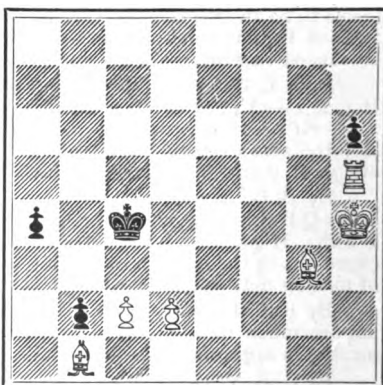
WHITE (4 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2582.

By KENNETH S. HOWARD
(Rochester, U.S.A.).

BLACK (4 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)

White mates in four moves.

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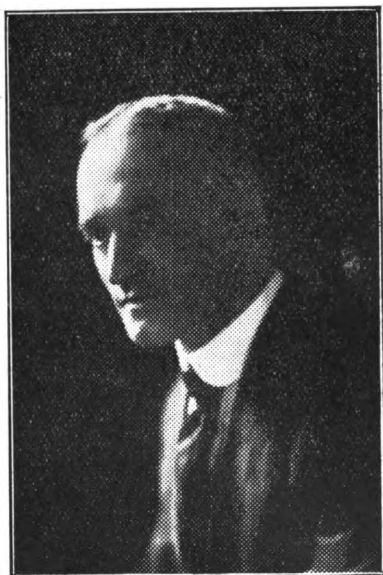
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CHAMPIONS.

No. 3: MR. J. A. MCKEE, Champion of Scotland, 1926.

James Alexander McKee was born at Eastmuir, Glasgow, on March 9th, 1877, and was taught to play chess by the Rev. William Fraser, of Carsphairn, but he considers himself indebted to the late Richard Teichmann for much of his advanced knowledge of the game. He has on one previous occasion won the Scottish championship, namely in 1911, but the West of Scotland event and the Glasgow championship have each fallen to him seven times. In six matches for Scotland and the Northern Counties Chess Union he has won thrice and drawn thrice.

It is most unfortunate that he has only once been able to play in the British championship, for when he did this in 1911, he made an excellent fight, coming out fifth with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}$. This figure included the only win scored against H. E. Atkins (who eventually took the championship) and also points gained at the expense of R. P. Michell, R. E. Lean, J. H. Blake, E. Macdonald and A. West.



Photo

F. D. G. Crippen, Glasgow

JAMES A. M'KEE
Scottish Chess Champion, 1926

Mr. McKee is a keen philatelist and collector of books. We hope in the future he will have more time than in the past to devote to chessplaying; given this he would be a hot favourite for premier honours.

PHILIDOR.

September 6th was the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Philidor, who was born at Dreux, near Paris, on September 6th, 1726. At an early age he showed great skill in chess and could play well enough to beat an average player. He received instruction in chess from M. Legal, the best player in France, and was soon able to beat all comers. Philidor was brought up as a musician and it was not until he got stranded in Rotterdam in 1745 when on a musical tour, that he maintained himself by his superior knowledge of chess and Polish draughts. Incidentally it is said that when he moved from Holland to Germany it was music and not chess that enabled him to gain a living. It was in Holland during the war of the Austrian Succession when the armies of Europe were gathered there that Philidor prepared his first "Analyse" of chess, forty-five officers subscribed to 119 copies. Altogether the book had 127 subscribers and 433 copies were sold. Philidor came to London in 1847 to make arrangements for its publication, and he passed the next seven years, more or less, in this country. It was in England that his talent for chess received its best encouragement and its highest reward.

No chessplayer ever exercises so powerful an influence on the mind of his age as Philidor. We meet him in unexpected places. In purely literary works by various continental contemporary authors, where chess is named, it is always in connection with Philidor. The late Professor Tomlinson once said that Cowper, whose *Task* was published in 1785, had Philidor in mind when he somewhat spitefully asked:—

"Who would waste attention at the chequered board,
His host of wooden warriors to and fro
Marching and counter marching."

Philidor is said to have been a member of the London Chess Club for thirty years. When the club was re-formed at Parsloe's in 1774 it was no mere private collection of chess players. Statesmen, warriors, men of letters, all crowded forward to enter its ranks. The Bishop of Durham headed the list on which besides uncounted dukes, marquises and earls were found the historical names of Charles James Fox, Lord Mansfield of Erskine, Wedderburn and Marquis of Rockingham. The Duke of Athol, the grandfather of the chess problem composer, E.A.M.M. of Mhow (India), was also a member. Never before, or since, has any chess club had such an influential list of members.

The first step of the new club was to subscribe to a fund making it possible for Philidor to spend the season, February to May, every year in London, which he did up to 1792, occasionally varying his chess work by musical composition. In that period he composed the music for nine out of his twenty-three operas, and in 1789 produced a *Te Deum* to celebrate the recovery of George III; but music did not pay. He lived in an age when the best musicians were generally bankrupt and in poverty. Chess was a godsend to Philidor

who, by publishing books, giving exhibitions, and receiving an annual salary from the London and Paris chess clubs, was able to maintain a good position in life.

When the French revolution broke out Philidor did not wait until February but came to London at once and he never again returned to France. An American writer has suggested that in 1793 and 1794 this was not exactly due to the war, but that Philidor had a wholesome fear of another "celebrated" La Regence chessplayer. Maximilian Robespierre might have seen in him, not the harmless chessplayer, but the pensioner of two kings and the favourite of a fugitive pretender to the crown. One cannot say how far this is true, but Philidor did not make any application for a passport until after the death of Robespierre, much delay occurred, but he had strong hope of receiving it even up to the 20th June, 1795, when he advertised in London press that he would give a blindfold exhibition for the last time. On the 5th July he played two games with the Rev. George Attwood, which are recorded, and he never visited the club again. The passport was definitely refused. Philidor gave way to grief and, as the obituary notice says, "was kept alive for a few weeks merely by art and the kind attentions of an old friend."

Two new facts have come to light concerning Philidor. Twiss gave the date of his death as August 24th, 1795, and supported that statement by quoting a long obituary notice which he said appeared in the London papers of August 29th of that year, but *The Times*, in Mr. Tinsley's fine bicentenary article, points out that the death of Philidor appeared in their paper on Wednesday, September 2nd as occurring on Monday, August 31st, which date I think is undoubtedly correct. I find it confirmed in a local weekly, the *Norwich Mercury*, of Saturday, September 5th, 1795, in their London news, said: "Philidor, the great chess player, died on Monday," again indicating August 31st.

For the past hundred years or so the burial place of Philidor has not been known. All George Walker could say in 1837 was that his ashes rested somewhere in England. The Australian, William Harris, who came to England in 1842 to see Philidor's grave, wrote to Mr. Staunton saying, "it is to the everlasting disgrace of English amateurs that Philidor's place of interment is not known," and so things have remained. Lately I took the matter up and finding that neither Somerset House or the Records Office could help, visited, on August 24th last, the district in which Philidor died, to see if I could pick out a likely burial place. Having spotted the church of St. James, Piccadilly, I wrote to the Vicar and no one could be more surprised than myself when a reply came saying that Philidor was buried in their church on September 3rd, 1795. I have since seen the old register, which reads: "September 3rd, 1795. Francois Andrex Danican Philidor. M."

I quote the actual spelling. "M" at the end indicates a man. Now, knowing for certain that September 3rd was the actual date of burial it is quite reasonable to suppose that he died within four days

of that date. This would make August 31st correct. Twiss was certainly wrong in saying the 24th, and has misled the world for 120 years, but Twiss is wrong in many places.

St. James, Piccadilly, is one of Wren's churches. Its interior is said to be Wren's masterpiece. After a very long period of mystery and doubt it is some satisfaction to know that the ashes of the great Frenchman have rested in the keeping of a distinguished and important London church. The old register is kept in the church and can be seen any day from 10 to 1. Philidor is said to have died at 10 Ryder Street, in the parish of St. James, Westminster.

J. KEEBLE.

THE SPA MASTERS' TOURNAMENT.

It is very gratifying to be able to record a British success in the contest promoted by the Belgian Chess Federation at Spa, September 1st to 13th, when five foreign and seven Belgian experts met in a single-round tournament, and Sir George Thomas divided the first and second prizes with the young German master, F. Sämisch. He made a bad start, losing his first game to Max Romih; but after that he never looked back and numbered among his victims no less a master than Tartakover.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	T'l.	
1 F. Sämisch	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	I-I
2 Sir G. A. Thomas ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	I	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	II
3 E. Sapira	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	8	III
4 Dr. S. Tartakover ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	7	
5 A. Dunkelblum .. .	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	I	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	6	
6 M. Romih	0	I	0	0	0	—	I	0	I	I	I	I	6	
7 V. Soultanbieff ..	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	—	I	0	I	I	I	6	
8 J. Davidson	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	0	—	I	0	I	0	5	
9 G. Koltanowski ..	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	I	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
10 A. Tackels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I	3	
11 M. Varlin	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	0	—	I	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
12 A. Lenglez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	I	0	—	I	I	

Sämisch's success occasions no surprise. He is probably the best of Germany's post-war masters. In E. Sapira, Belgium, has a very promising young player. He only learnt the game a few years ago, but is a great enthusiast. It is hoped that he may have the opportunity of visiting England in the near future.

Tartakover, though he lost to no one but Thomas, failed to do himself justice. 4 wins are not many to set against 6 draws. Dunkelblum, who is, we believe, champion of the Machabi chess club, was the only Belgian to score against Sapira. Soultanbieff, however, in his turn beat Dunkelblum, and equalled his figure. Of the other players, Romih, Davidson and Koltanowski might have been expected to fare better than they did—which is not to say that the remaining three competitors were seen at their best.

E. Colle was prevented by indisposition from taking part in the tournament.

TOURNAMENT AT LONDON, SEPTEMBER, 1926.

There has just been concluded at the City of London Chess Club an invitation tournament of seven players. W. Winter was originally intending to play, but was prevented from competing at the last moment. It was arranged by V. Buerger to demonstrate that there was sufficient keenness in Metropolitan chess circles to run a tournament for strong players without the necessity of holding a congress.

A strong entry was secured, although Sir G. A. Thomas and R. P. Michell had to decline the invitation. The time-limit was 34 moves in the first two hours and 17 moves an hour subsequently, with four evening rounds each week, adjourned games being finished on the remaining evenings.

The tournament resulted in a brilliant victory for the young Hampstead player, V. Buerger, who won every game, and was moreover never in a losing position in any game. He defeated Yates in the second round in a well-played Queen's Pawn game, and kept the lead to the end. The feat of winning an important tournament in this country with a clean score has not been performed since Kostich won the Hastings Christmas congress of 1921-22 with 7 out of 7. Mr. Buerger, who is the present Middlesex champion, thoroughly deserved his victory, and none could say that it was due to luck.

Yates, who came second, played some good attacks; and Goldstein, who seems to be making a speciality of third prizes, came third. The remaining players finished in accordance with their Edinburgh form, but Wheatcroft was quite out of form and only saved his score from an ignominious zero by drawing with Yates in the last round.

The prize-fund was provided by the players themselves, and as several of them remarked, they had the pleasures of a congress without hotel and travelling expenses. The slower time-limit in two hours had the noteworthy effect of cutting down the number of adjourned games to 3 out of 21, and only two games ended indecisively.

We understand that another tournament of eight players on the same lines is commencing on October 6th, in which Sir G. A. Thomas and E. G. Sergeant will take part, together with several of the players from the first tournament.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T'l.	Prize.
1 V. Buerger	—	I	I	I	I	I	I	6	I. £10
2 F. D. Yates	0	—	I	I	I	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	II. £6
3 M. E. Goldstein	0	0	—	I	I	I	I	4	III. £4
4 J. H. Blake	0	0	0	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
5 H. Saunders	0	0	0	0	—	I	I	2	
6 J. H. Morrison	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	—	I	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
7 G. S. A. Wheatcroft	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	

THE CABLE MATCH, LONDON v. CHICAGO.

On Saturday, November 6th, a cable match will be played at Spring Gardens, London, S.W., between teams of six a-side, representing London and Chicago respectively. It is confidently anticipated that the majority of the chessplayers of the Metropolis will be present at this interesting event, for there has been no cable match in London for fifteen years. In 1911 the English team won the "Newnes" trophy by their victory over the American team, this being their third consecutive win.

The coming match is due to the enterprise of the Hamilton Chess Circle, of Chicago, who evolved the idea and issued the challenge. Their chairman, M. S. Kuhns, has also invented and copyrighted a telegraphic code which meets all the difficulties encountered in the past to transmit the moves with accuracy, speed and economy.

This system has already been put to the test in the building of the Western Union Telegraphic Company, where two experienced telegraphers who were also chessplayers, seated in different rooms played a complete game of chess, transmitting their moves by wire and using only the above-mentioned code. The result entitled the inventor to believe that the players in the London—Chicago match will be able to finish six games of an average of forty moves each or 480 moves in all, within eight hours.

In connection with this match Samuel Insull has presented a very fine cup, which is to be played for by teams of British and American chessplayers representing British and American cities and to be held by the city winning three consecutive matches. In addition Dr. John Dill Robertson has presented a silver cup for the most brilliant game of the match.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir William Pryke, will make the first move for London on Board 1, Mayor Dever of Chicago performing the like service in that city.

The match will commence in London at 2 p.m. and will continue till 11 p.m., with an hour's break for dinner. In Chicago the time will be 9 a.m. till 6 p.m. The arrangements this side of the Atlantic will be controlled by the London Chess League, whose secretary, G. R. Hardcastle, has already had a busy time with them.

One of the most difficult tasks has been the selection of the six stalwarts (who must all be members of the League or of an affiliated club) and so far the following have accepted invitations to play: R. P. Michell, B. E. Siegheim, W. Winter and E. G. Sergeant. The two remaining places will be filled after the result of a tournament being held at the City Club between seven of the strongest members, in which V. Buerger and M. E. Goldstein have made an excellent start.

Any games left unfinished at the call of time will be adjudicated by A. Alekhine.

Printing Craft, Ltd., 34 Red Lion Square, Holborn, are preparing a souvenir of the match.

The rooms at Spring Gardens will be open to the public at a small fee, and will it is hoped be large enough to accommodate all who wish to witness this unique match.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

British Chess Federation.—County and District Correspondence Chess Championship, 1926. The full results of this competition are now available and the relative positions of the participants are as follow :—

I, Lancashire, with $22\frac{1}{2}$ points ; II, Surrey, $19\frac{1}{2}$; III, Kent, $18\frac{1}{2}$; IV, Cheshire and Yorkshire, 18 ; VI, Middlesex, 17 ; VII, Durham and Glasgow County, $16\frac{1}{2}$; IX, Devonshire and Hampshire, 16 ; XI, Sussex and South Wales, $15\frac{1}{2}$; XIII, Hertfordshire and Warwickshire, 15 ; XV, Worcestershire, 14 ; XVI, Somersetshire, 11 ; XVII, Cornwall, $10\frac{1}{2}$; XVIII, Cumberland, 10 ; XIX, Berkshire, 9 ; XX, Gloucestershire, 6.

The forms and conditions of entry for the 1927 contest will shortly be issued and any enquiries with regard to the competition should be addressed to the hon. secretary of the B.C.F., Leonard P. Rees, St. Aubyns, Redhill, Surrey.

City of London Chess Club, 2 Wardrobe Court, E.C.4.—The 74th winter season will commence on Wednesday, 20th October, when F. D. Yates will play 20 boards simultaneously.

The championship and four other level tournaments for all classes will commence on the 26th October, in which numerous prizes value from one to ten guineas will be given.

University of London Chess Club.—The general meeting was held on July 8th, 1926, when the following officers were elected for season 1926-27 : President, R. F. Goldstein ; vice-presidents, R. F. Kerslake, L. Klein, and V. J. A. Russ ; secretary, G. G. Slack (University College) ; match captain, P. B. Botcherby ; assistant secretary, J. A. Allcock.

It was reported that the Intercollegiate Tournament had been won by London School of Economics, for the first time since its inception in 1904. L.S.E scored 4 points out of 5, King's and University were equal second with $3\frac{1}{2}$, and East London fourth with 3 ; the other colleges competing were Battersea Polytechnic and Goldsmiths. The match results were not very satisfactory, out of 8 played, only one was won, and one drawn. It is hoped, however, for better results in the coming season.

The championship of Cornwall has been won for the second year in succession by Mr. Albert Ashby who will thus be able to keep the " Emigrant " Cup for another 12 months. Mr. Ashby is a prominent philatelist (under his *nomme de guerre* of Cecil Arleen) and this success of his throws into relief the curious connection between chess and philately. It is common to hear references to the connection between chess and music, but the nearness of chess to stamp collecting is not so often recognised.

The Golders Green Chess Club came into being in 1924 and met at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute. It then consisted of thirteen members who played two matches during the first season, winning both. In the second season it changed both its local habitation and its name and increased its membership to twenty, meeting at the more central Golders Green Club in the Finchley Road. During that season four matches were played, two against St. Paul's School of Finchley, one against the University College School, and one against a Hampstead team specially selected to play on a level with the team put into the match by the Golders Green Club. The selection proved to be so fairly chosen that the match ended in a draw, the G.G.C.C. winning two, losing two, and drawing two games. The other three matches were won by the G.G.C.C. At the beginning of this month a general meeting of the club will be held to draw up a programme for the third season, and the secretary, Lt.-Col. B. S. Browne, 14 Meadway, London, N.W.11, will be glad to send a notice to anyone who would like to attend the meeting in order to see whether he or she would care to become a member of the club.

A New Year-Book.—We welcome a booklet brought out by Durham County Chess Association and League which gives useful information and is nicely printed. The committee view with satisfaction their first year's report and feel confidence in the Association's future. It is certainly up to all chessplayers and clubs in Durham to rally to the support of the new organisation. Durham men in other parts of the country should associate themselves with the plucky effort to bring this important county into line with other chess associations, and intending members should write to the hon. secretary, A. W. W. Tulip, Gilesgate, Durham City.

The full score is given of the match with Cheshire (N.C.C.U. championship) in which Durham only lost by one game, and of the Correspondence championship in which the county scored a creditable 16½ points to their opponents' 13½.

There are fifteen affiliated clubs and the balance sheet shows about £2 in hand.

The following match was played between Durham City and Scarborough on September 1st.

DURHAM CITY.					SCARBOROUGH.					
1	B. Barton-Eckett	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. J. Adams	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	A. W. P. Tulip	..	..	..	1	E. Reid	..	..	..	0
3	H. Bardsley	..	..	..	1	H. P. Darling	..	..	..	0
4	A. W. W. Tulip	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	D. Byass	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
5	A. Aldred	..	..	..	1	G. Maw	..	..	..	0
6	G. Hardy	..	..	..	1	G. H. H. Clement	..	..	..	0
					5					1

At the conclusion of the annual meeting held at Durham on September 18th, a lightning tournament was played, divided into a major and minor section, both sections being very keenly contested

and resulting in three players tying for first place in each section. Winners were as follows :—

Major section : B. Barton-Eckett (Durham City), 5 out of 7 ; A. W. W. Tulip (Durham City), 5 out of 7 ; F. W. Yielder (Bishop Auckland), 5 out of 7.

Minor section : J. Crawford (Sacrison), 5 out of 7 ; J. McWilliams (Willington), 5 out of 7 ; E. Noble (Sunderland), 5 out of 7.

The B.C.F. Diary of Matches is now published and a copy should have been received by every life member of the Federation. It is a matter of great satisfaction that this important list of events should grow in volume year by year : the list under review contains eighty events and should be of the greatest value to players who travel, for every chessplayer is welcomed to the rooms where any of the matches are played.

To go further than this we may say that those who do the organising work would be encouraged and gratified if their fellow chessites would make a point of attending any of the events and making themselves known.

To return to the Diary. A full list of all county fixtures may first be noted, including the Midlands for the first time (these will be found in the addenda). No less than six congresses are down : three at Christmas time, Scottish, Hastings and London, two at Easter, the Kent congress at Tunbridge Wells and the Boys' championship at Hastings, and the great International Team tournament in London, which will be the biggest chess event in this country since 1922, and the first of a new type of international contest which promises to become very popular.

There is only one omission : the chess and draughts tournament at Scarborough at Whitsuntide.

Local events include the Edwin Woodhouse cup (Yorkshire), Sexton cup (Sussex), W. W. White memorial tournament (Kent), and the Cheshire cup fixtures.

OBITUARY.

The *Daily Chronicle* (British Guiana) records the death on August 25th of William Cunningham, for some years president of the now defunct British Guiana C.C. and a keen supporter of the game.

We regret to record the death of Major Sir Edmund Halbert. Elliott, M.V.O., Ensign of the King's Bodyguard of Yeomen of the Guard, who was a well wisher of chess and regular subscriber to the *B.C.M.*

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS

Canada.—The Canadian championship, played for at Montreal, August 22nd and following days, has again been won by J. S. Morrison, of Toronto. His score was $11\frac{1}{2}$ points in 13 games. He suffered a reverse in the 3rd round, when Fox beat him; and in the 12th round he drew with Eastman. Fox, once a Middlesex county player, started off in brilliant style with 6 wins. He then drew with Eastman (formerly of Stockholm), won two more games, drew with Harvey, won another game, and came to grief in round 12, losing to Gale. He won his last game, but just failed to catch up with Morrison. Eastman won his first three games, lost to Gale in the 4th, and with draws against Fox, Narraway, and Morrison, finished only half a point below Fox. Gale's losses were to Harvey, Whitfield, and Morrison; he drew no games.

Final scores : J. S. Morrison, $11\frac{1}{2}$; M. Fox, 11 ; G. Eastman, $10\frac{1}{2}$; S. E. Gale, 10 ; J. B. Harvey, $8\frac{1}{2}$; C. Blake, 8 ; E. Narraway, $6\frac{1}{2}$; R. Campagna, 6 ; G. Maréchal and K. Whitfield, 5 ; G. Gaudet, B. Moncur and S. B. Wilson, 3 ; J. Moncur, 0.

Morrison has now won the title five times ; but Fox has, for the second time, run him very close.

New Zealand.—A tournament is being arranged in Wellington between the four local champions, G. P. Anderson (Wellington C.C.), R. J. Barnes (Workingmen's), A. G. Gyles (South Wellington), and E. E. Hicks (Ngaio).

The result of this season's telegraphic match between Wellington and Canterbury was a comfortable win for the former by $13\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$. On the first 12 boards (which alone count in the N.Z. club championship) the score was Wellington 8, Canterbury 4. H. L. Anderson for the losers, however, had the satisfaction of beating G. P. Anderson on the top board. The next three Wellingtonians, E. A. Hicks, W. E. Mason and W. Mackay, more than made up for this with victories over F. Woodford, H. Kennedy and the Rev. N. Friberg.

Auckland won their telegraphic match against Otago by $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $5\frac{1}{2}$ on the first 12 boards. 22 boards were played, but on some of the lower ones the games required adjudication later.

Australia.—A new chess club has been formed at Sydney University, among the members being C. J. S. Purdy, who took third place in the recent Australian championship. Another club, for chess and draughts, has been formed at Warrnambool.

The Queensland Chess Association has received a gift of £50 from Mr. Manson, of Ipswich, partly to buy new clocks and partly to go to the prize-fund.

South Africa.—On June 12th (the news reaches us rather late) 10 players from the City Chess Club, Maritzburg, visited Durban and beat the Railway and Harbour Institute C.C. by 6-4.

On August 5th the Pretoria C.C. beat a team of 12 from the Census Department by 13-8, two games being played on 9 boards. Lane, of the Census Department, won two games against C. J. Griffin.

W. Walker has won the championship of the Pretoria C.C. with a score of $5\frac{1}{2}$ in 6 games. F. W. Dunbar was second with $4\frac{1}{2}$.

H. Meihuizen has been obliged by other duties to resign the hon. secretaryship of the Capetown C.C.

Malta.—This year's tournament for the championship of Malta has been won by Oscar Serracino Inglott, who in a tournament of eleven players scored $9\frac{1}{2}$ points, dropping half a point to Soler only.

The remaining scores were: J. Soler and V. Cesareo, $8\frac{1}{2}$; E. S. Inglott, 6; Major E. T. Martin, 5; C. Frisk, $4\frac{1}{2}$; the Rev. P. M. Brumwell and R. B. Jackson, 4; A. Marks, 3; C. Ghio, 2; C. Cassar, 0.

As we go to press, we have received a more detailed report, which we must reserve for our next issue.

We see from Mr. Tinsley's column in *The Times* that the Malta Command (to which Major Martin and the Rev. P. M. Brumwell belong), in four matches against the Malta C.A., has scored 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss.

United States.—The master tournament promoted by the Western Chess Association, and held at the Hotel La Salle, Chicago, August 21st to September 2nd, ended in a victory for F. J. Marshall, though only by a very narrow margin over G. Maroczy and C. Torre. Table:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	T'l.
1 F. J. Marshall	—	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	1	1	1	$8\frac{1}{2}$
2 G. Maroczy	0	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	8
3 C. Torre	1	1	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	8
4 C. Jaffe	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	$7\frac{1}{2}$
5 A. Kupchik	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	$7\frac{1}{2}$
6 I. Kashdan	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	1	7
7 S. D. Factor	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	0	—	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$6\frac{1}{2}$
8 Ed. Lasker	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	0	—	1	1	1	1	0	1	6
9 A. J. Fink	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	5
10 N. W. Banks	1	0	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$4\frac{1}{2}$
11 O. Chajes	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	1	1	4
12 J. W. Showalter	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	—	0	3
13 L. J. Isaacs	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	$2\frac{1}{2}$

After scoring 4 wins and 3 draws, with one bye-round, Marshall came a cropper in round 9 against Banks, the draughts and chess expert, whose visit to England four years ago will be recalled. Then in round 11 he was defeated by Torre. With one round to go Torre led by 8 points, Marshall, Maroczy and Jaffe each having $7\frac{1}{2}$. Marshall now beat the veteran Showalter, Maroczy could only draw with Isaacs, but Torre's hopes were crushed by a defeat from Lasker, and Jaffe lost to Kupchik. It may be noted that the Mexican champion began as well as ended with a loss, Jaffe beating him in round 1.

The New York State championship at Rome, N.Y., finished up on August 21st, the title being won by Milton Hanauer, who is only just 18 years of age. His sole loss was to E. Tholfsen, who came out second.

The second brilliancy prize in the Pan-American tournament (Lake Hopatcong) was awarded to A. Kupchik for his win against Maroczy in the fourth round. As we stated last month, Capablanca won the first.

M. S. Kuhns, the live wire of the London-Chicago cable match enterprise, has just been elected president of the Western Chess Association, which appears to be the most representative gathering of chess players in America from a national point of view.

France.—The result of the fourth national championship tournament, held at Nice and concluded on September 10th, was a victory for André Chéron (Colombes), who scored $5\frac{1}{2}$ points in eight games. Fred Lazard (Paris) made the same score; but as Chéron beat him in their individual game, the honour went by the rules of the tournament to the Colombes player. Chéron lost to Betbeder in the second round, and to Gibaud in the fourth, while he drew with Gromer in the sixth. Lazard drew with Anglade in the second round, with Betbeder in the third, and with Gromer in the sixth; in the eighth he lost the decisive game against Chéron.

The final scores were: A. Chéron and F. Lazard, $5\frac{1}{2}$ each; A. Gromer, 5; A. Gibaud, $4\frac{1}{2}$; A. L. Betbeder and G. Renaud, 4 each; C. Anglade 3; A. Fabre, $2\frac{1}{2}$; and R. Gaudin (who was obviously handicapped by his official duties), 2. The two young Parisians, Gromer and Betbeder, justified what we said of them last month.

The minor tournament ended in a tie between Comte J. de Villeneuve-Esclapon (Nice) and L. Polikier (Paris), who scored 7 points each in eight games.

The centenary of the great Philidor was duly observed on one day of the congress.

Italy.—The eliminating sections in the masters' tournament at Livorno resulted as follows:—

Group I.—Matteucci $5\frac{1}{2}$, Sacconi 5, Davidson (Amsterdam) $4\frac{1}{2}$, Schröder (Leipzig) 4, Foraboschi and Norcia 3, Garavani and Salmon $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Group II.—Calapso $6\frac{1}{2}$, Rosselli 6, Landau (Rotterdam) 5, Calà $4\frac{1}{2}$, Bombicci 2, Jaquinto and Zavagli $1\frac{1}{2}$, Muston 1.

Group III.—Rastrelli 5, Hellmann 4, Geier (Vloclavek) and Guarini $3\frac{1}{2}$, Ruelle 3, Rohatyn (Vienna) 2, Fruchter 0.

On a complicated system of working out the values of the points obtained in the preliminary sections (for the explanation of which we have not space here), the four leaders in each group carried forward a figure to the final section, in which they met those players whom they had not met in the preliminaries. The final produced the following placing, the second figure in each case being that carried forward :—

I, Marquis S. Rosselli del Turco, $7.50 + 16.5 = 9.15$ points ; II, J. Davidson, $7 + 1.40 = 8.40$; III, A. Sacconi, $6.50 + 1.60 = 8.10$; IV, R. Calapso, $4.50 + 1.80 = 6.30$; V, A. Rastrelli, $3.50 + 1.90 = 5.40$; VI, V. Calà, $4 + 1.20 = 5.20$; VII, E. Hellmann, $3.50 + 1.50 = 5$; VIII, M. Schröder, $3.50 + 1.25 = 4.75$; IX, S. Landau, $3 + 1.30 = 4.35$; X, G. Matteucci, $2 + 1.75 = 3.75$; XI, C. Guarini, $2 + 1.30 = 3.30$; XII, V. Geier, $1 + 1.30 = 2.30$.

The system certainly got rid of ties in the prize-list ; but we doubt whether it is likely to be generally adopted.

Denmark.—The tournament at Sonderborg for the national championship ended in a tie between Anderson, Kier, and Larsen.

Copenhagen has won the triangular telegraphic match with Stockholm and Oslo, the scores being : Copenhagen, $3\frac{1}{2}$; Stockholm, $1\frac{1}{2}$; Oslo, 1—Copenhagen only forfeiting half a point to Stockholm. The victorious team were : I. O. Pedersen, Norman-Hansen, V. Nielsen, E. Hansen, and Gemzoe, of whom a photographic group is published in the September *Skakbladet*.

Germany.—In a double-round 9-a-side match at Freiburg-im-Brisgau on August 4th-5th, a German team beat a visiting Swiss team by 11-7. On the three top-boards the Germans, H. Wagner, L. Schmitt and W. Orbach, scored 6-0 against W. Michel and M. and W. Henneberger !

Dr. van Nüss, of Düsseldorf, has won the tournament held at Kaiserlautern for the championship of the Rhine, scoring $9\frac{1}{2}$ points in 11 games.

Switzerland.—The national championship, played at Geneva, July 25th—August 1st, resulted in a win for W. Michel, who scored $8\frac{1}{2}$ points in 11 games. O. Zimmermann scored 8, F. Gygli and M. Henneberger 7, W. Henneberger $6\frac{1}{2}$, O. Naegeli 6, H. Grob and G. Léal 5, H. Johner $4\frac{1}{2}$, E. Voellmy $3\frac{1}{2}$, and C. Burghold and A. Chéron $2\frac{1}{2}$. The low position of Johner and Voellmy is rather surprising. Dr. Michel's victory was well earned. His only loss was to W. Henneberger. Zimmermann lost no games, but drew 6.

Czecho-Slovakia.—We gave last month the names of the first six prize-winners in the masters' tournament at Bad Bartfeld. The seventh prize fell to H. Müller (6 points), and the remaining scores were: Kmoch ($5\frac{1}{2}$), Stark (5), Balogh and Walter ($4\frac{1}{2}$), Prokes (4), and Chodera ($2\frac{1}{2}$).

The championship of the Zagreb C.C. has been won by Vitomir Avramov (formerly Goldmann).

At the end of August a tournament of ten masters was played at Trentschin-Teplitz, and resulted in a tie for first place between K. Gilg, of Mährisch-Ostrau, who is fast developing into a front-rank exponent of chess, and B. Kostich. Each scored $6\frac{1}{2}$ points and lost but one game, Gilg to Walter and Kostich to Müller. The other scores were: B. Hönlinger, $5\frac{1}{2}$; K. Hromadka, 5; J. Schulz, $4\frac{1}{2}$; A. Pokorný, 4; I. Engel, H. Müller and M. Walter, $3\frac{1}{2}$; A. Haida, $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Austria.—The brilliancy prizes in the Semmering tournament last March have been awarded to Alekhine for his games *v.* Rubinstein and Davidson; and to Tartakover for his game *v.* Tarrasch. Rubinstein won the prize for the most correctly played game (*v.* Spielmann).

Poland.—A tournament of 11 players at Cracow recently yielded a victory for M. Chvojník, who scored 8 points, followed by Padzierny and Schenker with 6 each, and E. Rubinstein with $5\frac{1}{2}$.

Russia.—A women's championship tournament of 10 players ended in a tie between Mmes. Bluket, Kramer, and Romanovsky, who scored $7\frac{1}{2}$ points each.

In the *Tydschrift van den Nederlandsch-Indischen Schaakbond* the editor, I. J. Milborn, is bold enough to attempt a classification of living chess masters. He puts in the first group Capablanca, Lasker, Alekhine and Vidmar; in the second Marshall, Nimzovitch and Bogoljuboff; in the third Réti, Spielmann, Tartakover and Torre; and in the fourth Grünfeld, Sämisch, Yates, Kostich, Colle, Kmoch, Treybal and Rosselli. He purposely excludes Rubinstein, Tarrasch and Maroczy from his grouping, apparently as being no longer on the upgrade.

Such classifications are, to our mind, a little rash. Chess form varies from tournament to tournament—*neque semper arcum tendit Apollo*.

By an error last month we were made to say that F. J. Marshall had "previously" accepted a challenge issued to him by C. Torre for the Pan-American championship. We knew that our friend Marshall is a highly gifted man; but what we wrote was that he had "provisionally" accepted the challenge, which is a more regular defence to the championship opening.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 365)

The solutions of Special Competition Problems Nos. 5 and 6, given below, are those of the subscriber, who not only donated the prizes, set the problems, but has also given me so much help in going through the solutions, although in very poor health, and I think readers will agree with me, that they and I owe him much gratitude for the same. The Problems are given on page 165 of the April number.

Special Competition Problem No. 5, a position for adjudication, was generally incorrectly solved. Most solvers sent 1 K—B 4 which only draws, some endeavoured to demonstrate a win, but could only do so by inferior play for Black. The actual game went 1 K—B 4, P—Q R 4; 2 R×P, Q—Kt 1 ch; 3 K—B 3, P×Q Kt P and was eventually drawn, but 1.., Q—B 2 followed by 2.., P—Q R 4 is best for Black and draws.

The win is obtained by 1 K—K 3, and if 1.., Q×P ch; 2 K—Q 4, Q—B 1; 3 P×P, Q—Q Kt 1; 4 R—Q 6, P×P (P—R 4; 5 R—R 6!); 5 K—Q 5, P—R 4; 6 P—B 6, P×P; 7 R—Q 7, Q—B 1; 8 B—B 5, Q—R 1; 9 K—B 5, P—Kt 6; 10 P—B 7, Q—R 2 ch; 11 K—Q 5, Q—R 1 ch; 12 K—K 5, Q—R 8 ch; 13 R—Q 4, Q—K 8 ch; 14 K—Q 6, Q—Kt 6 ch; 15 K—Q 7 and wins. If 7.., Q—R 1; 8 K—B 5, P—Kt 6; 9 B—B 3, Q—R 6 ch (Q—Q Kt 1; 10 P—B 7, Q—R 2 ch; 11 K—Q 5, Q—R 1 ch, reverting to main line); 10 K—Kt 6, Q—B 1; 11 P—B 7 wins. If 6.., P—R 5; 7 R—Q 7, Q—B 1 (Q—K 1; 8 B—B 5, P—R 6; 9 P—B 7); 8 B—B 5, P—R 6; 9 P—B 7, Q—Kt 2 ch; 10 K—K 5. If 9.., Q—R 1 ch; 10 K—Q 4, Q—R 2 ch; 11 K—Q 3. If 5.., K—Kt 1; 6 P—B 6, K—B 1; 7 R—Q 7, K—K 1; 8 R—K 7 ch, K—B 1; 9 P—B 7, Q—B 1 followed by K—Q 6 and B—B 6. An alternative is 3.., Q—Kt 5; 4 R—Q 6, Q—Kt 8 ch (Q—Q 8 ch; 5 K—K 5, Q—R 8 ch; 6 K—Q 5, Q—R 7 ch; 7 K—B 6, Q—R 3 ch; 8 K—B 7); 5 K—Q 5, Q×P ch; 6 K—B 6, Q—Kt 1; 7 K—Kt 7, Q—K 1; 8 B—Q 3, Q—Kt 1 (P—R 4; 9 K—B 7, Q—K 4; 10 K—B 8); 9 P—B 6, P—R 4; 10 P—B 7, Q—Kt 7 ch; 11 K—Kt 8 wins.

At move 1, if 1.., P—Q R 4; 2 P×Q R P, Q×P ch; 3 K—Q 4, Q—B 1; 4 P—R 6, P—Kt 5; 5 P—R 7, P—Kt 6; 6 R×P, Q—Q 2 ch; 7 R—Q 6, Q—R 5 ch; 8 K—K 3 or alternatively 2.., P—Kt 5; 3 P—R 6, Q×P ch; 4 B—B 3, P×P; 5 P—R 7, P—Kt 5; 6 P—R 8=Q ch, K—R 2; 7 Q×P, Q—R 3 ch; 8 K—Q 3 and wins. Or 1.., Q—B 2; 2 K—Q 4, P—Q R 4; 3 R×P, Q—Q 2 ch; 4 R—Q 6, Q—B 2; 5 K—Q 5, etc.

COMPETITION PROBLEM No. 6: COMMENTS ON PLAY.

1 Kt—KB 3 1 Kt—KB 3 Moves that are fashionable, mainly perhaps, because they do not disclose the immediate intention of the players.

2 P—QB 4

2 P—QB 3 The preceding remarks do not apply here. Unless he wishes to lose valuable time, Black distinctly declares his intention of not playing the orthodox

or some one of the more irregular defences to the Queen's Gambit Declined. He intends to play the "so-called" *Slave Defence*.

3 P—Q 4 3 P—Q 4

Now both players come out in the open. White states he will play a Queen's Gambit Declined and Black states that he will adopt the SLAVE DEFENCE, and the question immediately arises for WHITE: "*What form of said defence will he attempt to force Black to follow?*"

4 Kt—Q B 3

4 Q Kt—Q 2, followed by 5 P—K 3, is a *good alternative* here, *avoiding ALL of the complications* which may arise from Black adopting, in reply to the text, one of the various lines given below.

For this alternative see: (4 Q Kt—Q 2). Alekhine *v.* Vidmar, Kmoch *v.* Rubinstein, Rubinstein *v.* Spielmann (Semmering, 1926).

The text-move permits Black the choice of several lines, the chief of which are:—

(a) 4... B—B 4, calling for the reply of 5 Q—Kt 3; or 5 P×P.

(b) 4... Q—Kt 3, Suchting's variation. (Not in fashion now). See Alekhine *v.* Hromadka, Pistyan, 1922; Kostich *v.* Balough, Gyula, 1921; Müller *v.* Euwe, Vienna, 1921.

(c) 4... Kt—K 5, Breyer's idea and as practised by Marshall gives Black a playable game.

(d) 4... P—K 3, which might lead to a sort of an orthodox defence to the Queen's Gambit Declined, or to an abortive Cambridge Springs Defence. Capablanca *v.* E. Lasker, Hopatcong, 1926; Alekhine *v.* Butcher, Birmingham, 1926; Torre *v.* Rosselli, Baden Baden, 1925; Przepiorka *v.* Havasi, Győr, 1924.

(e) 4... P—K Kt 3, introducing the King's Fianchetto into this defence which cannot be good for Black. Holmes *v.* Fairhurst (Liverpool *v.* Manchester), 1924; Thelen *v.* Hromadka, Prague, 1926.

(f) 4... P×P, which may lead to the *Saragossa Variation*, as in this game, or to the Meran Variation. *It is discouraging to note that only ONE of the solvers made any comment on Black's possible replies to White's 4th move*, for all of which replies any player of White must be prepared in these days.

4 P×P

Now by 5 P—K 3, P—K 3; 6 B×P, P—Q Kt 4, the Meran position may be reached and White's choice is now limited, having only two playable moves, *viz.*, 5 P—Q R 4, and the text-move, 5 P—K 3.

5 P—K 3

This move is stronger than 5 P—Q R 4, as it tends to force the advance of the Black Q Kt Pawn, unless at once Black simply abandons his Pawn at Q B 5, in which event White's extreme Queen side Pawns remain undisturbed.

For 5 P—Q R 4 see: Bogoljubow *v.* Alekhine, London, 1922; Rubinstein *v.* Alekhine, London, 1922; Asztalos *v.* Tarrasch, Trieste, 1923;

Walter v. Przepiorka, Győr, 1924; Seitz v. Walter, Győr, 1924; Carls v. Rabinowitsch, Baden Baden, 1925, in all of which followed: 5..., B—B 4; 6 P—K 3, P—K 3; 7 B×P, B—Kt 5; 8 Castles; or 7..., Q Kt—Q 2; 8 Castles. Nimzowitsch v. Sämisch, Marienbad, 1925; Sämisch v. Przepiorka, Marienbad, 1925. NOTE.—The games Werlinsky v. Em. Lasker, Moscow, 1925, and Colle v. Treybal, Baden Baden, 1925, show the danger one might meet as White by playing P—Q R 4 before playing P—K 3 in this variation.

For 5 B—K Kt 5 in this position giving the form of a Gambit, see Janowski v. Maroczy, New York, 1924 (not recommended).

5 P—Q Kt 4 Now the case is clear. Black has announced his defence in court. Black has a playable alternative here in 5..., B—B 4, see Tarrasch v. Maroczy, Teplitz, 1922; Grünfeld v. Treybal, Pistyan, 1922.

6 P—Q R 4 The only move if Black is not to retain the Pawn

6 P—Kt 5 As Alekhine states: "*A move which is one of the salient points of this system of defence.*" Burn has been quoted as stating that once having made the capture Black should attempt to retain the Pawn by 6..., Q—Kt 3. More modern practice appears inclined to abandon the Pawn in return for which White's complete development is delayed as much as possible.

Black has a strong alternative in 6..., Kt—Q 4, see Sämisch v. Treybal, Pistyan, 1922; Euwe v. Tartakower, Pistyan, 1922.

7 Kt—R 2 The only alternative is 7 Kt—Q Kt 1 in which event Black can retain the Pawn only temporarily by 7..., B—R 3; 8..., Q—Q 4, etc., for which see: Grünfeld v. Tarrasch, Mährisch-Ostrau, 1923; Asztalos v. Seitz, Győr, 1924; Havasi v. Euwe Paris (Olympic), 1924.

The text-move wins back the Pawn immediately and the sole inconvenience to White's game will consist of the unfavourable situation of his Queen's Knight. Against this must be offset Black's weakened Queen side.

7 P—K 3 All master play indicates that this is the only move in this position.

8 B×P We have now reached what may be said to be the NORMAL POSITION in this variation.

The Problem which presents, briefly stated, is:
FOR WHITE: To keep the Black Q B Pawn from safely advancing as long as possible, and to advance his own King Pawn.
FOR BLACK: To safely advance his Q B Pawn as soon as possible.
FOR BLACK: The rule *WITHOUT EXCEPTION* is: "*That when White threatens to safely advance his Pawn to K 4, Black must be ready to play, and MUST PLAY IMMEDIATELY P—Q B 4;*"

8 Q Kt—Q 2 The correct move here, the reason being that the *PROPER POST* for the Black K B is at K 2, and if later this Bishop is forced to retake the Pawn at Q B 4 because the Q Kt is late in development, Black will lose a *TEMPO* with his King Bishop.

8... B—K 2, the only alternative to the text-move is *not so good for exactly the reason* stated above. For this continuation see Alekhine v. Tarrasch, Hastings, 1922; Réti v. Dr. Laskerf Mährisch-Ostrau, 1923; Alekhine v. Sawyer (Blindford), Montreal, 1924.

9 P—Q Kt 3

Master Play is Castle here. Without doubt the text-move is altogether too passive.

9 Q—K 2 is a *much stronger alternative.* See Johner v. Asztalos, Debreczin, 1925.

9 B—Q 2 is an alternative which would change entirely White's plan and which gives Black too many attacking chances for example, 9 B—Q 2. P—Q R 4; 10 Kt—B 1, Kt—K 5; 11 Kt—Kt 3. Kt×B; 12 Q×Kt, Kt—Q 2, etc. (Villeneuve v. Telling, Nice, 1926).

There is much to be said, however, in favour of keeping the Q Kt Pawn back, leaving the square Q Kt 3 free, which accounts for the generally accepted 9 Castles for White at this point.

P—Q Kt 3 was played by Norman v. Przepiorka, Hastings, 1924-25, after (Castles) one move later and White had a good game.

9 B—Kt 2 For reasons already stated under move 8, it is better to develop this Bishop before the King's Bishop is developed.

10 B—Kt 2† **10 B—K 2** †White, feeling that his initiative had lost its momentum, made up his mind to develop all of his pieces, thus giving Black time to do likewise

11 Kt—B 1 **11 P—Q R 4** Forced, as White threatens Pawn to R 5 and R 6 driving the Bishop from the long diagonal as well as the possibility of getting up an attack on the Black Pawn on its Kt fifth.

12 Kt—Q 3* **12 Castles** *Lazy moves, perhaps, but according to plan on the part of White, permitting Black without effort to obtain an even position.

13 R—B 1* **13 P—Q B 4**

14 Castles*

14 R—B 1 *And now as nearly all of our solvers found, the position is similar but not exactly LIKE that of the Bogoljubow v. Grünfeld game, Carlsbad, 1923 as given in M.C.O., column 81, page 109.*

15 Q—K 2 *Just six moves too late and now Black puts a live, fly in the mustard by*

15 Kt—K 5! Thus keeping a White Bishop and Rook occupied in guarding their Q B 3. See Maroczy v. Przepiorka Győr, 1924.

16 K R—Q 1 **16 Q—Kt 3** And now we have reached the published position of the problem.

It is difficult to improve on the actual continuation in the game.

17 Q Kt—Kt 5 which opens the Q file for the Rook, and the diagonal for Bishop, Queen Battery.

17... Kt×Kt is practically forced.

18 Kt×Kt, K R—Q 1, also forced.

19 Q—R 5 to weaken the Black King's side Pawns.

19... P—Kt 3 forced.

20 Q—K 2, P×P White threatens B—Kt 5 and Kt—Q 7, or Kt—B 4 with a terrific attack. Is there anything better?

21 R×P Black hoped for B×P when B—B 4 forcing Exchange of Bishops, and eventually Kt—B 6.

21... B—Q 4 The position is about even.

In actual practice and in recorded master play, it will be seen that if Black gets safely through all the pitfalls of the opening, and middle game his Q R P is always a source of anxiety, and unless all the pieces are exchanged, White sooner or later gets up a winning attack on this Pawn or Black's defence of it permits White to get up a winning attack elsewhere.

ANSWERS TO SOLVERS: "Patlander"—In No. 5. After 1 K—B 4, P×P ch 2 K×P, Q—B 2! draw. If 1... P—K R 4, 2 P—R 4, P—Q R 4 is quite wrong. Q—Kt 5 draws. In No. 6. White must not exchange the Pawns and so make the game easy for Black. If 9 Q—Kt 3, P—Q R 4; 10 Kt—Kt 5, Kt—Kt 3 and White's Queen is badly placed. "A.M."—In No. 5 after 1 K—Kt 3, Q—B 2; 17 P×P is not a good continuation in 6. "Hotchpot"—Although you start wrong in 5 your solution shows study. In 6 it is doubtful whether White's Bishop should ever go to Q 2. In your continuation after 20 Q—R 5, R×R ch; 21 R×R, R—B 1 is much better. If 20... P—Kt 3; 21 Q—R 6, B—B 1 not B—B 3. "Castles Q R"—Not worthy of you. In 5 if 1 K—B 4, P×P ch; 2 K×P, Q—K 1; 3 K—B 4, Q—K B 1; 4 K—K 5 and 5 K—Q 4 (if necessary) gives White the win. In 6, your criticisms are mostly wrong. For instance, 5 P—Q R 4, B—K B 4; 6 Kt—K 5 and then to take the Q Kt at Q 2 must be bad. "Sirius"—In No. 5 your conclusion is correct, but method incorrect. After 1 K—K 2, P—Q R 4 is the correct reply. In No. 6 after 17 P×P, Kt (Q 2)×P; 18 Kt×Kt, Kt×Kt; 19 Kt—K 5, B—K B 3; 20 B—Q 4, B×Kt; 21 B×B, Q—B 3; 22 Q—Kt 4, P—B 3 defends everything. "Cic"—Solution to No. 5 nearly correct. If 44 B×B P, Q—B 2 followed by P—Q R 4. Comments and continuation of No. 6 are not good. "Tyro"—My friend's comment is, "This is a lazy beggar!" After 1 K—B 4, P×P ch; 2 K×P; in No. 5, 2... Q—B 2 draws. "Knowsley"—See last remark as to No. 5. In No. 6, after 17 Kt—K 5, Kt×Kt; 18 Kt×Kt, K R—Q 1. "Cradock"—1 P—R 4?? Q—R 6 ch in No. 5, see also remark to "Tyro." In No. 6, 17 Q Kt—K 5 is better because it opens up file for Rook and diagonal for Bishop and Queen. "Clare"—In No. 5, A draws. B must be bad as it gives Black Queen so much liberty, and C is also bad. Your adjudication would bring you severe reprimand from the player of White! No. 6 is very bad. My friend suggests you ought to buy M.C.O.! "Wifilè"—In No. 5. You play such poor moves for poor White, he hasn't a chance. Study the solutions of No. 6; they will teach you something.

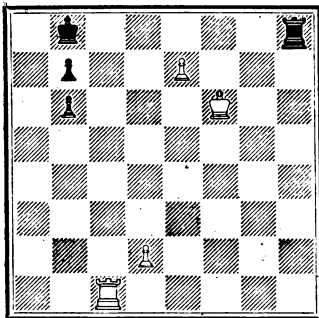
The marks are as follows, basis 30 maximum. SENIORS: "Castles Q R," 80, 6, 15, 101; "Hotchpot," 51, 20, 22, 93; "Sirius," 44, 15, 9, 68; "Clare," 49, 6, 4, 59; "Cradock," 38, 6, 14, 58;

"Cic," 31, 15, 12, 58; "Knowsley," 27, 3, 4, 34; "A.M.," 23, 2, 3, 28; "Wifilé," 22, 2, 3, 27. JUNIORS: "Patlander," 19, 3, 6, 28; "Tyro," 18, 2, 3, 23.

Owing to want of space I must leave the solutions of Problems Nos. 27 and 28 from August number till next month, and this month give two problems which must do duty for both Senior and Junior.

Problem No. 29.

BLACK (4 pieces)



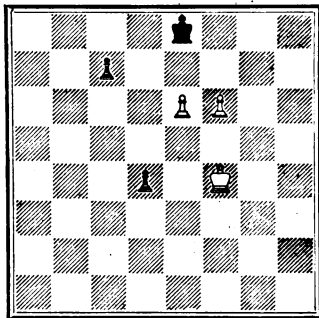
WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Problem No. 30.

BLACK (3 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

White to play.

What result and how?

Solutions should be sent not later than October 31st to R. C. Griffith, 18 Wedderburn Road, London, N.W. 3, and marked on envelope "Special Competition."

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE B.C.M.

Sir,—Would it not be possible to devise a simpler and fairer means of conducting the County championship than that at present in vogue? There are far more counties in the Southern group than in either the Midlands or the North, which, by the process of elimination relatively reduces the chances of any one Southern county's appearing in the semi-final. It also involves a most complicated system of grouping, introducing byes, and culminating in the absurdity of *three* semi-finalists, of whom one of course, must again have a bye.

Surely the geography of the country lends itself to a perfectly straightforward and commonsense arrangement, by which all the counties would have approximately the same number of matches, and all byes would be avoided. Why should there not be four original groups (1) North, (2) Midlands, (3) South East, (4) South West? To avoid unnecessary travelling, the semi-finals would than be played between the winners of the North and the Midlands, and between the South East and the South West, the semi-final winners then meeting in the final.

Yours faithfully,

ST. LEONARDS COLLEGIATE SCHOOL,
ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA,
11th September, 1926.

WALLACE H. KING.

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time, and games can be arranged at once in the Handicap Tourney, the score being adjusted by points.

A correspondence match is about to commence against Newcastle Chess Club, about twenty boards a-side. They field a strong team, and the match is looked forward to with interest.

Our annual general meeting takes place on Monday, October 4th, at 7-30 p.m., in the Gambit Café, Budge Row, Cannon Street, London, by kind permission of Miss Price, ex-British lady champion chess-player. We shall be glad to see any member or prospective new member at the meeting.

It is a pleasure to see a great increase on Class 1 entries for the new tournies.

Match Results :—

Anglo-Irish Match.—On board 7, P. S. Milner-Barry has won for us against J. Creevey. On board 90, W. T. Neal Mackay won for Ireland against M. D. Monteith-Dunn.

Jersey Match.—On board 1, W. H. Gunston has won for us against R. Andrews, making the score to date $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ in our favour.

Handicap Tourney.—The following are the prize winners: first prize, £1, E. Bodkin with 11·2; second, 12/6, R. Cherry Weaver with 10·35; third, 10/-, C. E. Rapley with 10; fourth, 7/6, R. G. Tyzack with 9·57. E. Bodkin was Class 1, and the other winners Class 3. Numbers of players 100, games played 470. We have a number of last season's year books for sale to non-members at 6d.

New Knock-out Tourney Results (Preliminary Round).—Armitage beat Miss Eveling, Richardson beat Tyzack, McDonnell beat Porch (adj.), Rapley beat Shelton, Jayne beat Wilcox (by ballot), Rynders beat Bardsley (ballot). The first round proper has now been commenced.

Trophy Results.—Class 1: F. W. Clarke beat Dewing and Rockett, Macdonald beat Rockett, Rockett beat Chambers and Dewing, Chambers beat Illingworth, F. W. Clarke beat Chambers, Chambers drew Macdonald. Class 2a: Ward beat Terry and Ditcham, drew Kitchener, and lost to Evill; Parsons drew Bardsley and Kitchener. Class 2b: Wilson beat Skelton, Stoneman and Toledano, and drew with Gale. Class 3a: Duffell beat Gurney and Dutton, drew Whitty, and lost to Finch; Snook beat Finch. Class 3b: Jago beat Day and Rocks; Rynders beat Coole and drew with Rocks and Hopkins; Lowe beat Anderton. Class 4a: Hollingdale beat Mrs. McVean. Class 4b: Davis beat Beckwith.

Class 5: Mrs. Fish drew with Miss Eveling and lost to Lister; Miss Baker beat Bond and lost to Derlien; Miss Herridge beat Lister; Derlien beat Boutland; Lister beat Mead by default; J. C. Derlien wins Class 5 section trophy.

GAME No. 5,740.

Played in Trophies Tourney, 1925-26. Class 3b.

French Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. F. LOWE		A. F. ANDERTON		H. F. LOWE		A. F. ANDERTON	
(Kingston Hill)		(Coventry)		(Kingston Hill)		(Coventry)	
1	P—K 4	1	P—K 3	10	Castles	10	B—K 3
2	P—Q 4	2	P—Q 4	11	P—Q R 4	11	Q—B 2
3	Kt—Q B 3	3	B—Kt 5	12	R—K 1	12	Kt—Q 2
4	B—Q 3	4	P—Q B 4	13	B—K B 4	13	Q—B 4
5	P×Q P	5	B×Kt ch	14	Kt—Q 4	14	Castles Q R
6	P×B	6	K P×P	15	Kt—Kt 5	15	P—K Kt 3
7	P×P	7	Kt—K 2	16	Q—Kt 5	16	P—K R 3
8	Q—R 5	8	Q—R 4	17	Q×Kt		Resigns
9	Kt—K 2	9	Q×P (B 4)				

THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Club Argentino de Ajedrez, of Buenos Aires, has offered a purse of \$10,000 (roughly £2,000) for a match, to be played next year, between Jose Capablanca and Alexander Alekhine for the chess championship of the world.

Capablanca, approached during his visit to New York, in July, as to his attitude towards challengers for the championship title, made the following statement:—

The rules governing world championship matches were adopted by the great masters during the London congress of 1922 and are well known to all of them. Among other conditions, they call for a minimum purse of \$10,000. Of this the title-holder receives 20 per cent. as a fee, the balance to be divided in the proportion of 60 per cent. to the winner and 40 per cent. to the loser. In addition, the travelling and living expenses of both players must be provided for. Whenever Nimzovitch or any other master meets these conditions I shall be ready to defend my title within a year from the date of the receipt of the challenge, as required by the above-mentioned world championship rules.

This statement was made before the announcement of the Argentine club's offer. It would appear that the champion's conditions are now fulfilled, and that there is a prospect of seeing, in 1927, a match for which all lovers of chess have long been hoping. But, it seems from a paragraph in the *Brooklyn Eagle* of September 9th, Capablanca considers that Nimzovitch's claim to a match must have first consideration, as Alekhine "did not follow up the challenge he issued early in 1924."

It is, no doubt, regrettable that financial considerations must enter into the question of a match for the world's chess championship. But we quite agree with Señor Capablanca's contention (expressed to the present writer during his visit to Hastings in 1919) that a chessplayer deserves as much for an exhibition of his brain-power as a prize-fighter for an exhibition of his muscles. P.W.S.

REVIEWS.

Klassische Schachpartien aus Modernen Zeiten. Edited by E. D. Bogoljuboff. Parts I (1919-20) and II (1920-21). Berlin and Leipzig : Walter de Gruyter & Co.

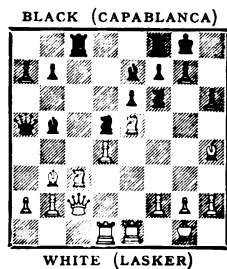
These two little paper-covered books are the latest additions to *Veits Kleine Schachbucherei*, issued under the capable general editorship of Dr. F. Palitzsch. We are unable to find an indication of the price of these particular works, but we should imagine that it was in the neighbourhood of two Rentenmarks apiece.

A collection of 58 "chess classics" of the period 1919-21, with abundant diagrams (96) and annotations by so renowned a modern master as E. D. Bogoljuboff, could not fail to be interesting. The period covered includes the present World's Champion's matches with Kostich and Lasker, the international tournaments of Göteborg and Berlin, 1920, and numerous other matches and tournaments on the Continent of Europe, while a few of Bogoljuboff's off-hand games in Sweden are included. It would, in our opinion, have given extra value to the selection if some few games played in England and America (apart from Capablanca's match-games in Havana) had been added; but the Russian master felt entitled, we suppose, to make his own choice of games to illustrate his ideas of "classical" form.

Anyhow, we get a very fine set of examples of chess as it was played only a few years ago by such experts as Capablanca, Emmanuel Lasker, Reti, Spielmann, Nimzovitch, Tartakover, Alekhine, Rubinstein, Tarrasch, Euwe, Kostich, Bogoljuboff himself, and numerous others, with painstaking analysis of the theories and notions which underlay the play. We are glad to renew acquaintance with many instructive *parties* and to meet some others for the first time.

In the collection is contained, naturally, the celebrated tenth game of the last championship match, in which Breyer claimed to have found a win for Lasker. Bogoljuboff does not agree that there is a win. We append a diagram of the position after Black's 16th move, where Lasker played 17 K B×Kt?, ultimately losing the game on the 69th move.

Breyer's contention was that 17 Q B×Kt would have led to a win. Bogoljuboff, however, analyses it out thus: 17 Q B×Kt, B×B! (naturally not Kt×B; 18 Kt—Kt6!, K R—K1 or P×Kt; 19 R×P!); 18 B×Kt, P×B; 19 Q—B5 (or a, b), B—B3; 20 Kt—Kt4 (20 Kt—Q7, B×Kt; 21 Q×Q B, K R—Q1!; 22 Q—B5!, R—B5!; 23 Kt×P, Q×Kt; 24 R—K8 ch, R×R; 25 Q×Q, R×P; 26 Q—B3, R—Q7! leaves White no winning chances), B—K Kt4; 21 P—B4, P—K Kt3; 22 Q—K5, Q R—K1, and the game is level.



(a) 19 Kt—Kt 4, B—Kt 4; 20 P—B 4, B×P; 21 Q—B 5, B—Kt 4 (B—B 2?; 22 Kt×Q P, with the threat of 23 Kt—B 6 ch); 22 Q×Q P (22 Kt×Q P, Q—R 3), P—R 3; 23 P—Q R 4, Q R—Q 1; 24 Q×Kt P, B×P; 25 P—Kt 4!, Q—K B 4; 26 Kt×P ch, B×Kt; 27 Kt×B, Q—B 7; 28 Kt—B 5, B—K 6 ch; 29 K—R 1, B×P; 30 Q×R P, B×Kt. Draw.

(b) 19 Kt—Kt 4, B—Kt 4; 20 P—B 4, B—K R 5; 21 P—K Kt 3, B—Q 1; 22 Q—B 5, R×Kt!; 23 P×R, Q×B P; 24 Q×Q P (forced because of the threat B—Kt 3), B—Q B 3; 25 Q—Kt 3, Q×Q, and Black wins back the Exchange (with B—B 6).

Bogoljuboff upholds what was Capablanca's own claim, that in none of the fourteen games of the match with Lasker did he ever have a lost position.

We have been sent for review a book on the Pan-American tournament, held at Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, during July. It is issued by the *American Chess Bulletin* of New York, and contains a complete collection of the games with instructive annotations by C. S. Howell, who is well known to most chessplayers of England.

That this book has been produced so quickly is a feat on which we congratulate the *American Chess Bulletin*, and hope that similar production of the International matches, to be played in London next year, will appear as promptly.

We shall be reviewing this book in our next issue. The price in one dollar in paper covers, and one and a half in cloth. The illustrations are most artistic and quite novel in that they show the competitors as champions of other sports than chess.

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GAME DEPARTMENT

Games played in the tournament at Budapest. Notes by J. H. B.
GAME NO. 5,741.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE
M. MONTICELLI

- 1 P--Q 4
2 Kt-K B 3
3 P-B 4
4 Kt-B 3
5 Q-B 2
6 P-K 4!
7 Kt×P

BLACK
R. RÉTI

- 1 Kt-K B 3
2 P-Q Kt 3
3 B-Kt 2
4 P-K 3
5 P-B 4
6 P×P

The position is now analogous to the Scheveningen variation of the Sicilian Defence, the chief difference (that White has played P-Q 4) being rather in White's favour.

- 8 B-K 2
9 Castles
10 B-K 3

Often played prematurely in the Sicilian, but quite good here, as Black has no prospect of getting a Knight to his Q 4 or K Kt 5 squares.

10 Q Kt-Q 2

11 K R-Q 1

White intends to play his K B Pawn one square only, to make a stonewall against the Black Bishop, and to open an attack on his left wing; so this disposition of the Rooks is best.

- 12 P-B 3
13 Q-Q 2
14 P-Q Kt 3
15 Kt-R 4
16 Q R-B 1
17 Kt-Kt 2
18 Q-K 1
19 Q-B 2
20 Kt×Kt
21 Kt-Q 3
22 Kt-B 4

.....Whilst this induces White to part with his own Queen's Bishop, and thus loosen his hold

—at present rather strong—on the Black squares, it on the other hand leaves his own King's side rather unprotected.

- 23 R-B 2
24 B-Q B 1
25 Q R×B

23 B-R 6

24 B×B

25 P-Q Kt 4

.....The logical corollary of his manœuvre with the Bishop was now 25... P-K 4; 26 Kt-Q 5, Kt-K 3, and if White kept his own Knight at Q 5 (where it could be exchanged at Black's pleasure) he would have no means of getting rid of the Black Knight, when it in turn went to Q 5, short of giving up the Exchange.

- 26 Q-Kt 3
27 R-Q 2
28 B×P
29 B×B
30 Q R-Q 1
31 P-K R 3
32 K-R 2
33 Kt-Q 3

26 Q-K 2

27 P×P

28 B-Kt 4

29 P×B

30 R-R 1

31 Kt-Kt 2

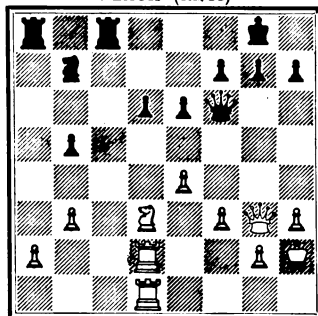
32 Q-B 3

33 K R-Q B 1

.....An error which allows White to commence a good combination. 33... K-B 1 was playable; but not 33... Q-Kt 3 because of 34 Q-B 2, threatening 35 Q-Kt 6, which the Black Queen cannot get back in time to parry.

Position after 33... K R-Q B 1.

BLACK (RÉTI)



WHITE (MONTICELLI)

34 P—K 5! 34 Q—K 2
34... P×P; 35 Kt×P gives the White pieces complete freedom, with numerous threats. 34... Q—Kt 3 permits 35 Q—B 2, with 36 Q—Kt 6 to follow.

35 Kt—B 4! 35 P—Q 4
Not 35... P×P; 36 Kt—R 5, Q—B 1; 37 Kt—B 6 ch, K—R 1; 38 Kt—Q 7, Q—Q 1; 39 Kt×P, Q—K 1; 40 R—Q 7, Kt—Q 1; 41 Q—Kt 5! K—Kt 1 (if ... P—R 3; 42 Q×Kt! and wins); 42 R—K 7, Q—B 1; 43 Q—R—Q 7 and wins.

36 Kt—R 5 36 Q—B 1
 37 R—Q 4 37 R×P

.....Merely desperate. The immediate threats being 38 Kt×P or 38 R—K Kt 4 Black could procure some little respite by giving up a Pawn with 37... P—B 4; 38 P×P *en pass.*, P—Kt 3. The win is then not easy to force, as Black threatens to bring his Knight to the rescue by ... Kt—Q 3 and ... Kt—K B 4.

38 R—K Kt 4 38 P—Kt 3
 39 Kt—B 6 ch 39 K—Kt 2
 40 R—K R 4 40 P—R 3
 41 R×R P! 41 Q—B 4
 42 R—R 7 ch Resigns

.....By winning this game (in the final round) White secured a tie for first place.

GAME No. 5,742.

Alekhine's Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
F. D. YATES	H. KMOCH
1 P—K 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—K 5	2 Kt—Q 4
3 P—Q 4	3 P—Q 3
4 P×P	4 Q×P

.....The earlier idea was to play 4... K P×P; this innovation is apparently an improvement. The Queen is only remotely susceptible of attack by developing moves of White, and promotes an early Queen's side development. The position at this stage is that of a Centre Counter Opening in which Black has been given an additional move, thus: 1 P—K 4, P—Q 4; 2 P×P, Kt—K B 3; 3 P—Q 4, Kt×P, and by now giving Black the additional move out of turn of ... Q—Q 3 we get the position in the present game—a reflection which casts doubt upon the validity of White's 4th move.

5 Kt—K B 3	5 B—Kt 5
6 B—K 2	6 Kt—B 3
7 P—B 3	7 Castles

.....It would be more prudent to play simply ... R—Q 1 and prepare to Castle on the other side, as White is likely to get in first with storming operations on opposite wings.

8 Castles	8 Kt—B 5
9 B×Kt	9 Q×B
10 P—Q Kt 4	10 P—K 4

.....Losing a Pawn. Apparently he missed the effect of White's next, and expected 11 P—Kt 5, when 11... P—K 5; 12 K Kt—Q 2 (not 12 P—Kt 3, P×Kt; 13 P×Q, P×B; 14 Q moves, P×R ch and wins), B×B; 13 Q×B, Kt—K 2; or 12 Kt—K 1, Kt—K 4 with attack.

11 P—Kt 3	11 Q—R 3
12 Kt×P!	12 Kt×Kt
13 B×B ch	13 K—Kt 1
14 B—B 3	14 P—K B 4
15 R—K 1	15 Kt×B ch
16 Q×Kt	16 P—K Kt 3

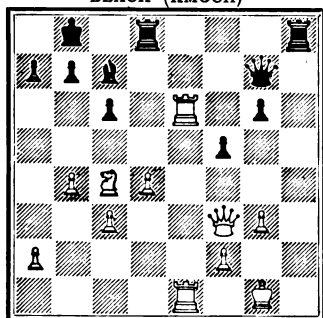
.....The counter attack which his 8th and 10th moves were intended to promote has missed fire and any course he can now adopt is necessarily a slow one.

17 Kt—R 3	17 Q—Kt 2
18 Kt—B 4	18 P—K R 4
19 Kt—R 5	19 P—B 3
20 R—K 6	20 P—R 5
21 Q—R—K 1	21 P×P
22 R P×P	22 B—Q 3
23 Kt—B 4	23 B—B 2

(See diagram.)

Position after 23.., B—B 2.

BLACK (KMOCH)



WHITE (YATES)

- 24 P—Kt 5! 24 P×P
25 Kt—R 5!

It is of the first importance in playing White's combination to make the moves in the right order. Here if 25 R—K 7, Q—R 3; 28 Kt—R 5, Q—R 8 ch, forcing exchange of Queens and

then taking the Knight, winning for Black.

25 B×Kt

.....If 25... B—Q 3, still
26 R—K 7!

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|-------------|------------|
| 26 R—K 7 | 26 R—Q 2 |
| 27 R×Q | 27 R×R |
| 28 R—K 5 | 28 P—R 3 |
| 29 Q—K 3 | 29 R—Q B 1 |
| 30 P—Q B 4! | 30 R×P |
| 31 R—K 8 ch | 31 K—R 2 |

.....If 31... R—B 1; 32 Q—K 5 ch, Q R—Q B 2; 33 R×R ch, K×R; 34 Q—K 8 mate.

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|--------------|-----------|
| 32 P—Q 5 ch | 32 B—Kt 3 |
| 33 Q—K 5 | 33 B—Q 5 |
| 34 Q—Kt 8 ch | 34 K—Kt 3 |
| 35 P—Q 6 | Resigns |

.....For if ... B—B 3 (to prevent 36 R—K 7); 36 R—K 6 wins; and if 35... B—B 4; 36 R—K 7, R×R; 37 Q—Q 8 ch, K moves; 38 P×R wins.

GAME No. 5,743.

Alekhine's Defence.

WHITE

F. D. YATES

BLACK

R. RÉTI

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|------------|------------|
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 Kt—K B 3 |
| 2 P—K 5 | 2 Kt—Q 4 |
| 3 P—Q 4 | 3 P—Q 3 |
| 4 P×P | 4 Q×P |
| 5 Kt—K B 3 | 5 B—Kt 5 |
| 6 Kt—B 3 | |

Inferior to 6 B—K 2 as played v. Kmoch. It involves either loss of a Pawn, or submission to the doubling of both his Bishop's Pawns; he elects the first alternative for the sake of attack.

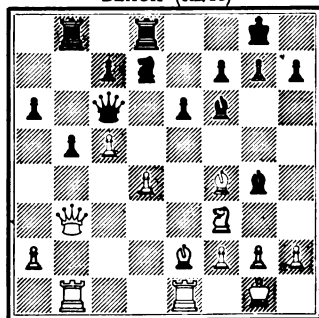
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| 7 P×Kt | 6 Kt×Kt |
| 8 B—K 2 | 7 Q—Q B 3 |
| 9 B—Q 2 | 8 Q×P ch |
| 10 Castles | 9 Q—B 3 |
| 11 P—B 4 | 10 Kt—Q 2 |
| 12 Q—Kt 3 | 11 P—K 3 |
| 13 Q R—Kt 1 | 12 B—K 2 |
| 14 K R—K 1 | 13 Q R—Kt 1 |
| 15 P—B 5 | 14 Castles |
| 16 B—Q B 4 | 15 P—Q R 3 |
| | 16 P—Q Kt 4 |

.....To double White's KB Pawn now would be disadvantageous to Black, who needs the Bishop to defend his King's Pawn; because after 16.., B×Kt; 17 P×B White is threatening alternatively 18 B×K P, P×B; 19 R×P, or 18 P—Q 5, according to Black's 17th move.

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|------------|------------|
| 17 B—K 2 | 17 B—B 3 |
| 18 B—K B 4 | 18 K R—Q 1 |

Position after 18.., K R—Q 1.

BLACK (RÉTI)



WHITE (YATES)

19 B—Q 3

Beginning a combination based upon the rather numerous weaknesses of Black's Queen's wing.

20 P×B

21 B—K 4

22 K R—Q B 1

23 B×B P

24 Q—Q 1

Not 24 B×R because of ... R×R ch; 25 R×R, Q—Kt 4 ch, etc.

25 K—Kt 2

Not 25 K×B because of ... R×B; 26 R×R, Q×R P ch, etc.

19 B×Kt

20 B×P

21 Q×P

22 Q—R 4

23 K R—Q B 1

24 B×P ch

26 B×R

27 B—Kt 3

28 Q×Kt

29 Q—B 6

25 B—K 6

26 B×R

27 B—Kt 4

28 R—Q 1

29 R—Q 7 ch

..... A mistake, followed next move by a still worse one; probably due to severe time pressure, with a time limit of 30 moves in two hours. But in any case he would soon lose the extra Pawns which are all he has to rely upon as compensation for the piece lost.

30 K—R 1

31 Q×K P ch

30 P—B 4?

Resigns

..... Because after 31... K—R 1; 32 Q×B P, R—Q 1; 33 B—K B 4 wins another piece.

GAME NO. 5,744.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK
F. D. YATES	A. RUBINSTEIN
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 B—Kt 5	3 P—Q R 3
4 B—R 4	4 Kt—B 3
5 Q—K 2	5 P—Q Kt 4
6 B—Kt 3	6 B—B 4
7 P—B 3	

7 P—Q R 4 seems to leave Black nothing better than ... R—Q Kt 1.

8 Castles

9 R—Q 1

9 P—Q 3 is the usual move.

• 9 Q—K 2

..... Hardly the best reply. 9... B—K Kt 5 would effectually hinder White's intention to play 10 P—Q 4. The *Wiener Schachzeitung* suggests 9... R—K 1; 10 P—Q 4, P×P; 11 P×P, R×P; 12 B×P ch, K—B 1, with advantage to Black.

10 P—Q 4

11 B—Kt 5

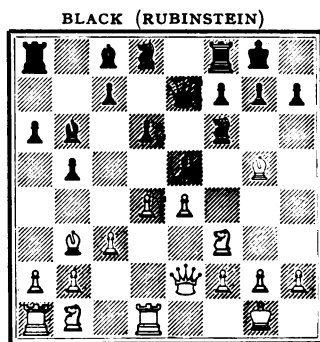
10 B—Kt 3

11 Kt—Q 1

..... I.'Echiquier suggests that

Black's right line here was 11... P—K R 3; 12 B—K R 4, Kt—Q R 4; 13 B—B 2, B—Kt 5, followed by 14... P—B 4.

Position after 11... Kt—Q 1.



12 Kt—R 4! 12 Kt—K 3

..... 12... P—Kt 3 does not afford a defence; e.g., 12 P—Kt 3; 13 Q—B 3, K—Kt 2; 14 Kt—B 5 ch, P×Kt; 15 P×P, P—B 3; 16 Q—Kt 3, B×P; 17 B×Kt ch, and wins.

13 Kt—B 5 13 Q—K 1

.....A fatal error. 13...
 Q-Q 1; 14 B-K R 4, Kt-B 5;
 15 Q-B 3, Kt-Kt 3; 16 B-
 Kt 5, B-K 3 offered prospects of
 holding out.
 14 Q B x Kt 14 P x B

15 B x Kt

Resigns

.....Because after 15... P x
 B; 16 Q-Kt 3 ch he must inter-
 pose the Queen, which is then lost
 by 17 Kt-K 7 ch.

GAME No. 5,745.

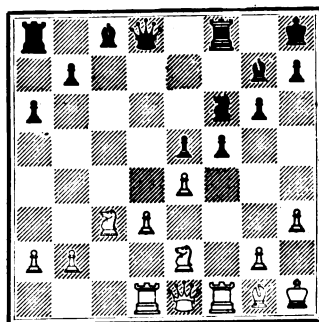
Sicilian Defence.

WHITE	BLACK
F. D. YATES	DR. S. TARTAKOVER
1 P-K 4	1 P-Q B 4
2 Kt-K B 3	2 P-Q R 3
3 P-Q 4	3 P x P
4 Kt x P	4 Kt-K B 3

16 P-K R 3 16 Kt-B 3
 17 B P x P 17 Q P x P

Position after 17... Q P x P.

BLACK (TARTAKOVER)



WHITE. (YATES)

.....In the New York game
 between the same opponents (won
 by White), Black played 4...
 Q-B 2.

5 Kt-Q B 3	5 P-Q 3
6 B-Q 3	6 Kt-B 3
7 K Kt-K 2	

A novelty. The game now
 ceases to follow the recent con-
 ventional lines of the Sicilian.

8 Castles	7 P-K Kt 3
9 Q-K 1	8 B-Kt 2
10 P-B 4	9 Castles
11 K-R 1	10 Kt-Q Kt 5
	11 K-R 1

.....The utility of this is not
 apparent, as he can take off the
 White Bishop before playing ...
 P-B 4.

12 B-K 3	12 Kt-Kt 5
13 B-Kt 1	13 P-B 4
14 R-Q 1	14 Kt x B
15 P x Kt	

15 R x Kt is also playable, but
 more speculative than the position
 demands.

15 P-K 4

.....An overbold course see-
 ing that White is in a position
 to force open the Queen's file.
 He should complete his develop-
 ment before undertaking further
 counter-attacks.

18 P-Q 4!	18 Kt x P
19 P x P	19 Q-K 1
20 Kt x Kt	20 P x Kt
21 R x R ch	21 Q x R
22 Kt-B 3	22 B-B 4

.....If 22... B x P; 23 Q x P,
 and Black will be unable to
 develop his other Bishop without
 loss.

23 B-Q 4	23 R-K 1
24 Kt x P	24 B x P

.....This loses out of hand,
 but in any case he can but struggle
 against a superiority of Pawns.

25 B x B ch	25 R x B
26 Q-B 3	26 Q-K 2
27 R-Q 5	27 B x Kt
28 R x R	Resigns

GAME No. 5,746.

Played in the final round of the North American Correspondence Chess League Championship Tournament.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK
J. E. NARRAWAY (Ottawa)	S. B. WILSON (Montreal)
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 B—Kt 5	3 P—Q R 3
4 B—R 4	4 Kt—B 3
5 Castles	5 B—K 2
6 R—K 1	6 P—Q Kt 4
7 B—Kt 3	7 P—Q 3
8 P—B 3	8 Kt—Q R 4

.....8., Castles is now more in favour; then if 9 P—Q 4, B—Kt 5; if 9 P—K R 3 the text play comes in.

9 B—B 2	9 P—B 4
10 P—Q 4	10 Q—B 2
11 Q Kt—Q 2	

According to the *Handbuch* this is the point at which P—Q R 4 can be most effectively played.

11 Kt—B 3

.....11., B—Kt 5 or 11., Castles would be better. The Black Knight has not quite lost all chance of being used at Q B 5.

12 P—Q 5	12 Kt—Q 1
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.....If 12., Kt—Q Kt 1 still 13 P—Q R 4.

13 P—Q R 4	13 R—Q Kt 1
14 P×P	14 P×P
15 P—Q Kt 4	15 P—B 5
16 Kt—B 1	16 Castles
17 Kt—Kt 3	17 P—R 3

.....Hardly necessary here, and to be avoided as long as possible. 17., K—R 1; 18., Kt—Kt 1, and 19., P—Kt 3 (threatening P—B 4) offers a fair defensive basis.

18 P—R 3	18 Kt—R 2
19 B—K 3	19 Kt—Kt 4
20 Kt—R 2	20 P—B 3
21 Q—Q 2	21 Q Kt—B 2
22 B—Q 1	22 B—Q 2

.....Here Black had a chance to free his game a little, by 22., Kt×K P; 23 Kt×Kt, P—B 4; 24 Kt—Kt 3, P—B 5; 25 B×P, P×B; 26 Kt×P, Kt—K 4, and he has a fair game for the Pawn. This was not available until White had played B—Q 1, because of 23 B×Kt; 24 B—Kt 1 and 25 Q—B 2. The text-move produces steady strangulation, and Black is allowed no further chance of breaking out.

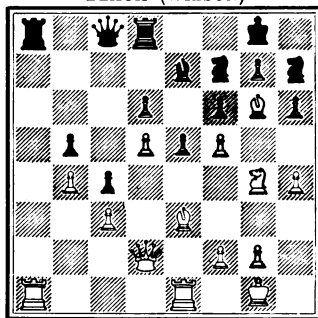
23 Kt—B 5	23 B×Kt
24 P×B	24 R—R 1

.....24., Q—Q 2 would be of no use because of 25 R—R 7, R—Kt 2; 26 R×R, Q×R; 27 B—R 5.

25 B—R 5	25 Q—Kt 2
26 P—R 4	26 Kt—R 2
27 Kt—Kt 4	27 Q—B 1
28 B—K Kt 6	28 R—Q 1

Position after 28., R—Q 1.

BLACK (WILSON)



WHITE (NARRAWAY)

29 R×R	29 Q×R
30 B×P!	30 Kt—B 1

.....If 30., P×B; 31 Kt×R P ch, Kt×Kt; 32 Q×Kt, Kt—B 1; 33 R—K 3 wins. Very elegantly finished by White.

31 B×Kt ch	31 K×B
32 B×P!	32 Kt—R 2
33 Q—R 6	Resigns

Games played in the Major Open tournament at Edinburgh.

GAME No. 5.747.

*Vienna Opening.*WHITE
W. R.
THOMASBLACK
F.
Znosko-Borovski

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| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—Q B 3 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 P—B 4 | 3 P—Q 4 |
| 4 P×P | 4 Kt×P |
| 5 Q—B 3 | 5 Kt×Kt |

.....Reverting to the earliest form of defence to White's 5th move, as played in the New York tournament, 1889. The latest defence, 5... Kt—Q B 3, did not come out very well in Hromadka v. Bogoljuboff, Mährisch-Ostrau, 1923. Probably therefore 5... P—K B 4 is Black's best.

6 Kt P×Kt

The *Handbuch* recommends 6 Q P×Kt, B—K 2; 7 B—Q 3, Castles; 8 Q—R 5, P—K Kt 3; 9 Q—R 6, B—K B 4; 10 Kt—B 3, with a fine game for White.

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| 7 P—Q 4 | 6 B—K 2 |
| 7 P—Q B 3 | |

.....Preparing to Castle Q R (a course condemned by the *Handbuch*), probably in order to take his opponent away from book lines with which he was well acquainted.

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| 8 B—Q 3 | 8 B—K 3 |
| 9 Kt—K 2 | |

9 R—Kt 1 at this point might have been rather disconcerting to Black's plan.

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| 10 Castles | 9 Kt—Q 2 |
| 11 B—K 3 | 10 Q—Kt 3 |

11 K—R 1 is stronger (the threat being 11... Kt×P), because if still 11... Castles Q R; 12 Kt—B 4 cannot be met by ... B—Kt 4, and is rather embarrassing to Black.

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| 12 Kt—B 4 | 11 Castles Q R |
| 13 K R—Kt 1 | 12 B—Kt 4 |
| | 13 Q—R 4 |

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| 14 R—Kt 3 | 14 B×Kt |
| 15 B×B | 15 Kt—B 1 |

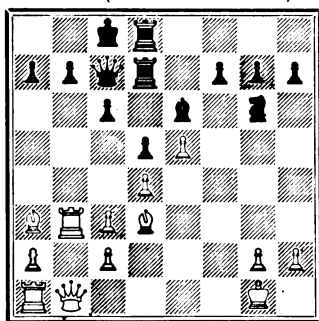
.....Black's position demands firmer treatment. 15... P—Q B 4 virtually compels 16 P×P, for if White allowed 16... P—B 5 his Queen's side attack would have no prospect of succeeding. After 15... P—Q B 4; 16 P×P, Kt×B P; 17 R—Kt 4, Black has some good alternative lines, 17... P—Q 5; 18 R×Q P, Q×B P amongst them.

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|------------|------------|
| 16 Q—Q 1 | 16 R—Q 2 |
| 17 Q—Kt 1 | 17 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 18 B—Q B 1 | 18 Q—B 2 |
| 19 B—R 3 | 19 K R—Q 1 |

.....He is bound to prepare for giving up the Exchange, because if the White Bishop is allowed to stand at Q 6, White will have the deadly resource of B—R 6 to follow.

Position after 19... K R—Q 1.

BLACK (Znosko-Borovski)



WHITE (THOMAS)

20 B—Q 6

But White (unless short of time) need be in no hurry to accept the offer. 20 B—Q B 5 is a very embarrassing move for Black, causing expenditure of moves upon, and consequent weakening of, the Queen's side, without averting the material loss.

- 20 R×B
21 R×P
- 21 P×R
22 Q—Kt 2
- 22 Q—Q B 1 serves the same end more effectively, by keeping out the Black Knight.
- 22 Kt—B 5
23 B—B 1
24 P—B 4
25 R—Kt 3
- 23 B—B 4
24 P×P

The simple recovery of the Pawn was now the best line; after Black has been allowed to protect the Pawn the White pieces are ineffectively posted and he can find nothing to do.

- 25 P—K Kt 3
26 R—K 1
27 P—B 3
28 P—Q R 4
29 P×P
30 R—K 5 ?
31 B—K 2
32 B—B 3 ch
33 R—K 1
34 Q—Q 2
35 R—K 2
36 R×R
- 26 Kt—K 3
27 P—Q Kt 4
28 P—Q R 3
29 B P×P
30 K—Kt 2
31 P—B 3
32 K—Kt 3
33 Kt—B 5
34 Kt—Q 6
35 R—K 3

It would be better to get rid of the Black Bishop, by 36 B—Kt 4.

- 36 B×R
37 B—Q 2
38 Q—B 5
39 Q—B 2
40 K—R 2
41 P—Kt 5 !
42 B—Kt 4
- 37 Q—K 2
38 Q—K 7
39 Q—Q 8 ch
40 Q×P ch
41 B—K 4
42 P×P
43 R—K 3

43 P—Q 5 would still suffice to draw; Black would still play 43... Kt×P; 4 then 4 Q—B 2 ch, Q—Kt 3; 45 P—Q 6.

- 43 Kt×P
44 P—Q 5
45 Q—B 7 ch
- 44 Q—B 4

The checks only help Black; 45 Q—B 2 is necessary, and Black still plays 45... K—Kt 3.

- 45 K—Kt 3
46 B—B 3 !
47 B×P
48 Kt×B
49 P—B 6
50 K—Kt 4
51 K×Q
52 P—B 7
53 K—Q 5
54 K—B 6
- 46 Q—B 6 ch
47 Q—B 2
48 B×B
49 R—K 1
50 R—K 6 ch
51 Q×Q ch
52 K—B 2
53 R—K 1
54 K—K 2

Resigns

GAME No. 5,748.

French Defence.

WHITE E.		BLACK H. A.		WHITE E.		BLACK H. A.	
ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI		TURRIFF		ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI		TURRIFF	
1 P—K 4		1 P—K 3		18 Kt—B 3		18 Q—B 2	
2 P—Q 4		2 P—Q 4		19 Kt—R 4		19 P—K Kt 3	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 Kt—K B 3		20 Q—K 3		20 Q—Q 1	
4 B—K Kt 5		4 P×P		21 Q—Kt 3		21 Kt—R 4	
5 Kt×P		5 Q Kt—Q 2		22 Q—B 2		22 R—B 2	
6 Kt—B 3		6 B—K 2		23 P—B 5		23 Kt P×P	
7 Kt×Kt ch		7 Kt×Kt		24 Kt×P		24 Q—Kt 4	
8 P—Q B 3		8 P—Q Kt 3		25 Kt×Q P		25 Kt—B 5	
9 B—Kt 5 ch		9 B—Q 2		26 R—K 3		26 Kt×B	
10 B—Q 3		10 B—B 3		27 R×Kt		27 K—B 1	
11 Castles		11 Kt—Q 2		28 R—Kt 3		28 Q—K R 4	
12 B—K B 4		12 B—Q 3		29 Kt×R		29 K×Kt	
13 B×B		13 P×B		30 R—Kt 8 ch		30 K—K 2	
14 Q—K 2		14 Kt—B 3		31 Q—B 6 ch		31 K—Q 3	
15 Kt—Q 2		15 Castles		32 R—Q 8 ch		32 R—Q 2	
16 P—K B 4		16 R—K 1		33 R×R ch		33 B×R	
17 Q R—K 1		17 R—Q B 1		34 Q×B P		Resigns	

GAME No. 5,749.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
H. H. WATTS	J. A. J. DREWITT			H. H. WATTS	J. A. J. DREWITT		
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	9 Castles	9 B—Kt 5				
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3	10 B—K 2	10 R—K 1				
3 P—K 3	3 Kt—K B 3	11 Kt—Q R 4	11 B—Q 3				
4 Kt—Q B 3	4 P—B 4	12 P—Q Kt 3	12 Q—K 2				
5 Kt—B 3	5 Kt—B 3	13 B—Kt 2	13 Q R—Q 1				
6 Q P×P	6 B×P	14 R—K 1	14 Kt—K 5				
7 P×P	7 P×P	15 Kt—Q 4	15 B×P ch				
8 B—Kt 5	8 Castles	16 K—B 1	16 Q—R 5				
		Resigns.					

PROBLEM WORLD

By B. G. LAWS.

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BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

At the Committee Meeting held last month, the date of the Annual General Meeting was fixed for Saturday, 16th October, 3 o'clock, at St. Bride's Institute, Bride Lane, E.C. It is hoped there will be a full attendance of those members who are within convenient reach, as there are several matters of considerable interest to be dealt with. Among these are questions relating to *The Problemist*, which it is proposed, instead of being a quarterly budget, should become a bi-monthly, as it is felt members in the country will by this means be more in touch with the doings of the Society. New arrangements are to be sanctioned in respect of the Library, so that its utility may be more effective than in the past. Further, the proposition connected with the projected International Chess Problem Society will be explained and discussed. The view of the Committee in this regard is that the B.C.P.S. should associate itself with this scheme, which though yet in an embryo state, may substantially develop and eventually have a far-reaching influence. It is understood several groups or bodies of composers abroad welcome the idea and it is certain that the B.C.P.S. has a bigger roll of members than any other organization of the kind. Another feature is, that we learn Mr. A. C. White's classified collection of problems has been despatched to Mr. George Hume, of Nottingham, and this, it is believed is intended to be at the service of such an international body as is now in the process of constitution.

Members of the B.C.P.S. are requested to send to Mr. D. Pirnie, 10 Northwood Road, Highgate, N.6, copies of problems—two-ers, three-ers and four-ers which were published during the year 1925 for the championship competition. It is not necessary for the composers

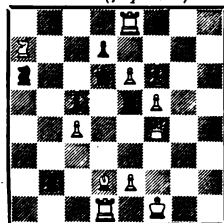
themselves to submit their own compositions, any one who sees fit can make his own selection and the entries are not limited as to number.

The first sessional meeting of the Society is to take place on Friday, the 29th instant, 6-30 p.m. Following the precedent of past years this is to be a conversazione. All are welcome, and it is suggested those attending should bring one or two problems which could be studied and discussed in friendly manner. Note the address: St. Bride's Institute, Bride Lane, E.C., close to Ludgate Circus.

W. R. Coe, Swaffham.—Mr. J. Keeble has informed us of the death of this composer who was quite popular in the early eighties and was a prize-winner for two-movers in several competitions. Mr. Keeble sends us the subjoined problem which gives one a fair idea of his work. It appeared in the *Eastern Daily Press*, May, 1884. Mr. Coe died on 7th September last. For many years he represented Swaffham District on the Norfolk County Council and was the head of the firm of merchants, Messrs. Chamberlayne & Co.

He does not seem to have composed problems for some years, but always retained a keen interest in chess and one or two of his sons are good players.

By the late W. R. Coe.
BLACK (7 pieces)

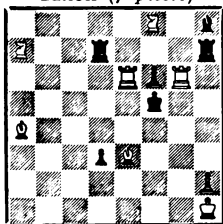


WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

INTERNATIONAL MEHRZUGEN TOURNEY

First Prize.
By Dr. OTTO TRINKS
(Vienna).

BLACK (7 pieces)

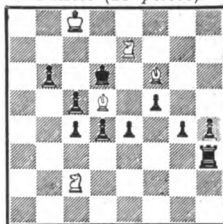


WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in six.

Key-move: 1 B—B 6.

Second Prize.
By JOSEF HALUMBIREK
(Vienna)

BLACK (10 pieces)

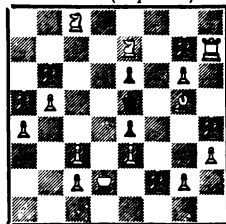


WHITE (5 pieces)
Mate in five.

Key-move: 1 K—Q 8.

Third Prize.
By K. A. L. KUBBEL
(Leningrad).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (13 pieces)
Mate in six.

Key-move: 1 R—R 5.

Fourth prize: Dr. T. Gluzinski. Hon. mentions: E. Baumgarten, J. Halumbirek and Dr. O. Trinks, Fred Lazard, R. Distz, M. Folkmann, and T. Gerbec, J. Halumbirek and Dr. O. Trinks with several commended entries.

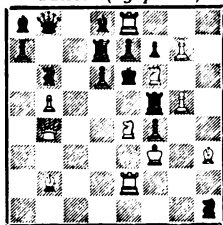
We give below the stipulations of each of the three quoted problems the key as an inducement to our solvers to go further with these interesting positions. We did not find them really troublesome to solve but certainly enjoyed the discoveries.

**"THE GRANTHAM JOURNAL" THIRD INTERNATIONAL TWO-MOVE
DIRECT-MATE COMPOSING TOURNEY.**

The proprietors of the *Grantham Journal* offer £6 in prizes, as follows: Section I—Threats or Incomplete Blocks. First prize, £2; second prize, £1. Section II—Complete Blocks (White to play, Plain Blocks, Added Mates, Changed Mates or Block Threats. First Prize, £2; second prize, £1. Competitors may submit two problems in each section. Joint compositions will be accepted, but will count one to each composer. Entries will be accepted up to the end of January, 1927, and should be addressed: Chess Editor, *Journal* Offices, Grantham. No mottoes are required, as the composer's name will be given with each problem. Judges: Mr. G. F. Anderson, Sheringham; Mr. C. S. Kipping, Wednesbury; Prof. J. R. Neukomm, Budapest.

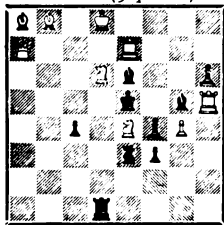
The Grantham Journal has issued the provisional awards of Messrs. Neukomm, Kipping and Anderson of its Second International Two-move Tourney. This award, which deals with a variety of sections and takes up several columns with numerous diagrams, is most interesting and gives evidence that the judges had a difficult task set them. We can only spare space for six of the successful problems, but hope to select a few more in our next issue.

First Prize.
By P. TEN CATE.
BLACK (13 pieces)



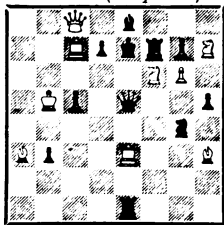
WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By L. A. ISSAEFF.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

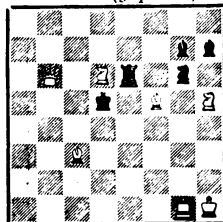
Special Prize and First Hon. Mention.
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

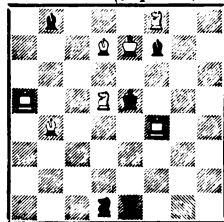
"MEREDITH" SELECTION.

Special Prize.
Mr. J. H. BARROW.
BLACK (5 pieces)



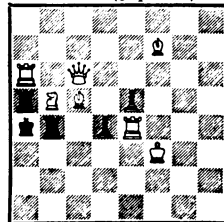
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

Special Hon. Mention.
By E. J. EDDY.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

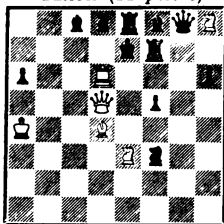
Special Hon. Mention.
By R. H. BRIDGWATER.
BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

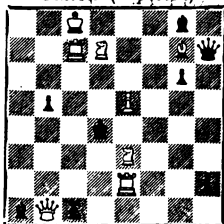
"BRISTOL TIMES AND MIRROR" SECOND HALF-YEARLY TOURNEY.

First Prize.
By P. F. BLAKE
(Warrington).
BLACK (11 pieces)



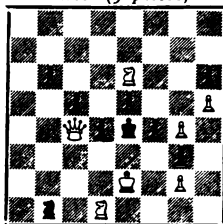
WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By A. MOSELY
(Brisbane).
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

First Hon. Mention.
By E. J. EDDY
(Bristol)
BLACK (9 pieces)

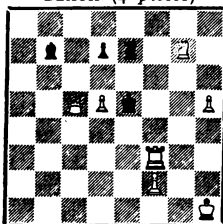


WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second hon. mention : K. S. Howard. Commended : A. Ellerman, K. S. Howard, N. Easter (2), I. Gross and G. Sleight. Judge : B. G. Laws.

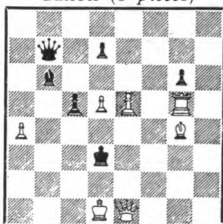
"REVISTA DE SAH" TOURNEY, 1925.

First Prize.
By R. COFMAN.
BLACK (4 pieces)



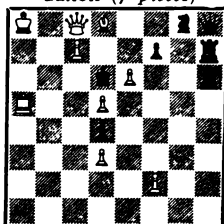
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By Dr. F. RDUCH.
BLACK (6 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

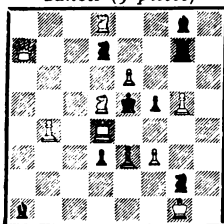
First Hon. Mention.
By C. GAVRILOV.
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

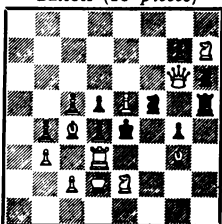
Further hon. mentions : R. Cofman (3).

First Prize.
By R. COFMAN.
BLACK (9 pieces)



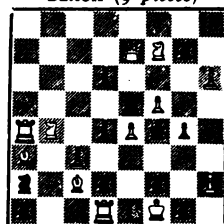
WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By A. SCHIFFMANN.
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)
Mate in two.

First Hon. Mention.
By S. ROSENFELD.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

Other hon. mentions : R. Cofman V. Ianovic and R. Freitag.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (July) 2,571 to 2,574—(August) 2,575 to 2,578 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (360) 5-5-10-0 (380) 5-0-10-20 (415); ††A. T. Cannell (60) 5-0-10-0 (75); **W. H. Cutland (110) 5-5-10-20 (150); J. W. Davis (325 + June 25 = 350) 5-5-10-0 (370); *J. C. Derlien (345); R. J. Darvall (340, add 15 for No. 2,559 and 2,562 = 355) 5-5-10-0 (375); Rev. A. S. Dean (430) 0-0-10-0 (440) 5-10-10-0 (465); J. Espinosof (Barcelona) 70; G. Hilton (30 + the 55 credited by mistake to G. Wilton 85) 0-5-10-10 (110); †Albert H. Haddy (180) 5-5-10-20 (220) 5-20-10-20 (275); W. M. Hay (20); N. N. Subramania Iyer (245 + 30 April = 275) 5-5-10-20 (315); ††G. Stillingfleet Johnson (440) 5-5-10-10 (470) 5-10-10-20 (515); N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (240 + June 30 = 270) 5-5-10-20 (310) 5-10-10-20 (355); ††Frederick Lee (575) 5-5-10-10 (605) 5-10-10-20 (45); **J. A. Lewis (235, add 15 for further solutions to Nos. 2,558 and 2,564 = 250) 5-5-10-10 (280) 5-10-10-0 (305); *Hubert Lees (New Zealand) (250 + 20 April = 270 + 30 May = 300 + 30 June = 330); T. N. R. Leistikow (285); *D. Murray (30) 5-5-10-10 (60); J. H. Murgatroyd (50) 5-5-0-0 (60) 5-10-10-0 (85); †Johannes Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (0) 5-5-10-10 (30) 5-10-10-20 (75); †A. Peacock (380) 5-5-10-10 (410) 5-20-10-0 (445); E. W. Punnett (480) 0-5-10-0 (500); T. Rosenfield (510); G. V. Secthapathy Rau (Madras) (130 + 20 June = 150); Rev. J. Schipper (550) 5-5-10-0 (570) 5-10-10-20 (615); D. V. Sullivan (30); **"Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (65) 5-5-10-10 (95); R. G. Tyzack (465) 5-0-10-10 (490); A. C. Vaughan (575); Rev. E. Wells (535) 5-5-10-10 (565) 5-10-10-0 (590); W. A. Way (Malay States) (35 + 30 May = 65); H. A. Warwell (335) 0-10-10-0 (355).

The honours for July go to Frederick Lee, and those for August to the Rev. J. Schipper.

SOLUTIONS.

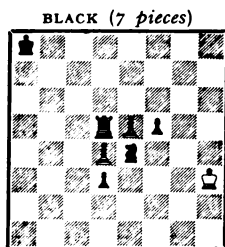
No. 2,575, by B. J. de Andrade. 1 K-K 7. Although the key invites cross-checks, it is not difficult to decide upon as the King's Bishop must come into the play. The King, Bishop and Rook defences cleverly determine the discovered mates added to which is the one by Knight.

No. 2,576, by J. Vasta.—1 Q-B 1. Black escapes after K×P; 2 R×B ch, K-B 3.

No. 2,577, by Dr. E. Palkoska.—1 R-R 1, P-K 6 or Q-B 6, etc.; 2 B-B 3. If 1.., Q×B; 2 R×Q ch. If 1.., Q-K 7; 2 Q-Kt 4. A charming little three-mover. The answer to 1.., Q-K 7 is strategical and pretty. The key is rather a natural one to make.

No. 2,578, by W. J. Wood.—1 R-R 1, P-Kt 6; 2 R-R 4, P-Kt 5 (if 2.., P×P; 3 R-B 4. If 2.., P-B 5; 3 R×P); 3 P-B 4. If 1.., P×P; 2 R-K B 1, P-Kt 6; 3 R-B 5 ch. If 1.., P-B 5; 2 R-R 4, B P moves (if 2.., P-Kt 6 or P×R P; 3 R×P); 3 R×P. Most of our solvers have admitted this proved exceedingly difficult to solve. Black has but Pawns to defend the King, but it is not clear how White can get at so sheltered a monarch and the actual key is not too promising. The play forcing an *en passant* capture on the third move is subtle.

By W. Pauly (p. 379).—1 K—Kt 2, R—Kt 1 the (maximum length of move); 2 K—B 1, R—R 1 (the maximum); 3 K—K 1, R—R 8 mate. When we stated we were under the impression that this position could be presented in echo form, we had in mind some such arrangement as shown in the accompanying diagram. The longest moves are R—Q 1 and R 4. In the latter case White continues with 2 K—R 3, then R—R 8; 3 K—R 4, R—R 8 mate.



WHITE (1 piece)
White Maxi-self-mates
in three.

By Dr. H. Rohr (p.379).—1 K—Kt 3, R—K 8; 2 R—R 6, B—Q 1; 3 K—B 2, B—R 4 mate. If 1..., R—Kt 5; 2 P—Kt 5, R—R 4; 3 P—B 4, B—K 8 mate.

By T. R. Dawson (p. 379).—1 P—Kt 6, P×P (one of the three longest lineal moves Black can make), 2 K—B 1, Q×R P; 3 K R—Q B 2, Q—K 8 mate. If 1..., Q×P; 2 K—Q 1, Q—Q R 6; 3 Q R—Kt 2; Q—B 8 mate. If 1..., Q—Kt 1; 2 K—B 1, Q—R 1; 3 Q R—B 2, Q—R 8 mate.

By Gentiner and Votruba (p. 379).—1 Q—Q 5, K—Q 7; 2 Q—Kt 3. If 1..., K—Kt 5; 2 Kt—R 2 ch.

By R. Svoboda (p. 379).—1 Q—Q 5, K—K 2; 2 Kt—B 7. If 1..., K—Q 1; 2 Q—Q 6.

By R. Svoboda (p. 379).—1 K Kt—B 4.

These three problems speak for themselves. Each has its own characteristic with only five men. They seem to be more discoveries than construction efforts.

By C. Kainer (p. 380).—The Bishop at B 5 should be a White Pawn. 1 B—K 8, K—Kt 5; 2 P—B 6 dis ch, K—Kt 4 or R 5; 3 P×P! If 1..., B—Q 5; 2 Kt—Kt 6 ch, K—Kt 5 (If 2..., K—Kt 4; 3 B×P ch); 3 Kt×Q P ch. If 1..., others; 2 B×P ch, K—Kt 5; 3 P—B 6 dis ch. Truly amusing and truly easy to solve. The key move is obvious, and the variety small. The advance of the White Pawn to clear away to give full effect of the Bishops is clever, but we regard it as more or less a sensational "turn."

By L. Vetesnik (p. 380).—1 R—B 2, R—B 2; 2 Kt—Q 7 dis ch, K—Q 6; 3 Q×R P ch. If 1..., P×R ch; 2 K×P, K—B 5; 3 Kt—Q 3 ch. If 1..., others; 2 Kt—Q 7 dis ch, K—Q 6; 3 Q—K 4 ch. This we like much better than the last. Here we have a fairly good key with brilliant threat, a surprise pin-model and a nice line with model after 1..., P×R ch.

By F. Havelka (p. 380).—1 Q—B 6, K—K 6; 2 Kt—B 2, B moves (If 2..., K—Q 7; 3 Q—B 1 ch. If 2..., K—Q 5; 3 Q—B 4 ch); 3 Q—B 3. If 1..., K—Kt 5; 2 Q—K 6 ch, K—B 6; 3 Q—R 3. If 1..., K—Kt 2, Q—B 2 ch, K—R 6; 3 Q—Q 1. If 1..., P—K 3; 2 Q—B 2, K—Kt 5 (If 2..., K—K 6; 3 K—B moves); 3 Q—Q 1 ch. If 1..., P—K 4; 2 Q—Q 7, K—Kt 7 (If 2..., B or P moves; 3 Q—R 3. If 2..., K—K 6; 3 B×P!); 3 Q—B 5. If 1..., B—R 2; 2 Q—R 6, K—Kt 7 (if 2..., K—Kt 5; 3 Q—B 4 ch. If 2..., others; 3 Q—R 3); 3 Q—R 2 ch. A remarkably fine four-mover and we confess we prefer it to the other two. It is artistic in its chameleon echo and other model mates, very difficult (excepting the key) and splendidly varied, there being five second move continuations. One point strikes us and we may be wrong in suggesting the White King might be placed at Q R 3 which would make the mate on the sacrifice of the Queen a model.

By H. Weenink (p. 381).—1 Q—Kt 8. An usual kind of two-mover, with a first-class key.

By A. Ellerman (p. 381).—1 Q—K Kt 8. Ellerman always seems to find a decent or excellent key move to his two-movers. We have not a true half-pin here but pleasant though small variety.

By van Dijk and Hartong (p. 381).—1 B×P. Solvers used to shrink at the idea of a capture key move but nowadays composers find, especially in mutates, their propositions cannot be presented without a capturing first move. This is a clever instance of good effects.

By J. Rietveld (p. 381).—1 R—R 5, B×R; 2 K—Kt 7. If 1., B×P; 2 R×B. If 1., others; 2 Q—B 4 ch. Not a troublesome problem to solve because of the apparent idleness of the Q R. The main play with the lateral Queen Mate and the Chameleon Echo with Queen at B 4 and K 4 are unexpected and enjoyable.

By S. Cardozo (p. 381).—1 B—K 2, Kt—B 3; 2 Q—Q 1 ch. If 1., B×P; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. If 1., Kt moves; 2 B—B 3 ch. If 1., K—K 3; 2 B—B 4 ch. If 1., R or B move; 2 B—Kt 5. Very pleasing with the various model mates of which there are six. The general formation is, however, somewhat conventional and the spice of strategy is not conspicuous.

By M. Niemeyer (p. 381).—1 Q Kt—K 5, P—Kt 3; 2 B—B 7. Peculiar in that one expects White to play 2 R—B 7. As presented it is a three-move-mate and as such one must, we presume, overlook uncomely construction yielding but one line of play.

By B. J. de C. Andrade (p. 426).—1 Q R—K R 5, threatening 2 Kt—Kt 4; B—Kt 5 and B—Kt 6. If 1., P×P; 2 K×P, Kt×P mate. If 1., R—Kt 2, 2 Kt×Kt, R×P mate. If 1., Kt×P or Kt—B 3 dis ch; 2 B—Q B 5 Kt—K 5 mate. If 1., Kt—K 4 dis ch; 2 B—Q B 5, R×B mate. If 1., Kt—Kt 3 dis ch; 2 R—Q B 5, Kt—Q 5 mate. Other discovered mate defences met by one or more of the above second moves. A successful effort to vest a "Reflex" chess problem with the complexities of the modern two-mover with the half-pin device. The variety is as remarkable as it is interesting. It is a fine conception and we recommend our readers to play over the solution with confidence of the result.

By K. Harder (p. 246).—1 Q—R 4, B—Q 5; 2 Q—B 2. If 1., R—Q 5; 2 Q—B 7. If 1., Kt—Q 5 or Q 3; 2 R—Kt 4. The key is a strong one compelling Black to create second-move avenues of attack in, defending the immediately threatened mate. The point is really focussed on the mate by Kt—Q 4 which is effected after Black's various self-obstructions.

By O. Nagy (p. 246).—1 Kt—B 5, R×K P ch; 2 Q—K 4 ch. If 1., Q×P ch; 2 K×Q. If 1., Q—K 6 ch; 2 Kt×Q ch. If 1., R×B P or P×P; 2 Kt—K 7 ch. After enjoying the brilliant mainplay there is little else to admire. It is a bold piece of work and it is unfortunate the mate when 3 P—K 6 dis ch is not a model.

By R. Kintzig (p. 246).—1 Kt—B 3, B×Q P ch or B—Q 4; 2 K—Kt 8. If 1., Kt×P; 2 K—B 6. If 1., B—B 4; 2 P×B. If 1., B×P (K 2) or others; 2 Q×P ch. Difficult to solve. The several pin mates are a little surprising and the half-pin effect is cleverly devised.

By W. T. Harding (p. 427).—1 K—Q 5. An extraordinary two-mover. The key self-pins a Rook and unpins Black's; it is however not a surprising one as White's Rooks are a bit out of the scene, especially that at B 4. The variety is quite considerable and good.

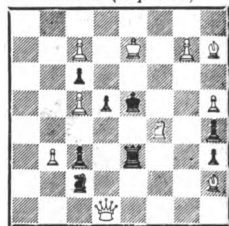
By P. E. Neunywako (p. 427).—1 Q—K Kt 2. The appended position which we take from the Tourney of the Fifth American Congress, 1880, will convince one that the *Chakmati* prize-winner should not on account of originality at least, have been distinguished by the honour. Kellner's has many Pawns which is due to the fact that he presented his idea in block form.

By S. P. Filoretow (p. 427).—1 Kt—R 4. Mr. P. F. Blake has manipulated these White forces in a two-mover with somewhat similar motive so splendidly that one cannot commend this with its thematic duals.

By N. Karzew (p. 427).—1 K—Kt 2, Kt—K 7; 2 Q—K R 1. If 1., Kt—B 6 or R 6; 2 Q—B 3. If 1., P—Kt 6; 2 Q—Kt 4. If 1., P—Kt 5; 2 Q—Q 5. If 1., Q P×P; 2 P—Q 7 ch. This is one of the finest three-movers we remember having solved where the White Queen is the only piece to supplement the King and Pawns. It is a block problem with five continuations, and the key is a fine one.

By F. T. KELLNER.
(Vienna).

BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (10 pieces)

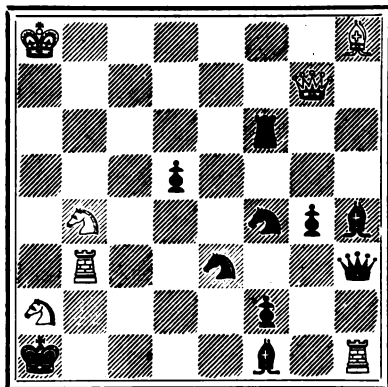
Mate in two.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,583.

By C. R. DOUGLAS CLARK
(Leeds).

BLACK (10 pieces)



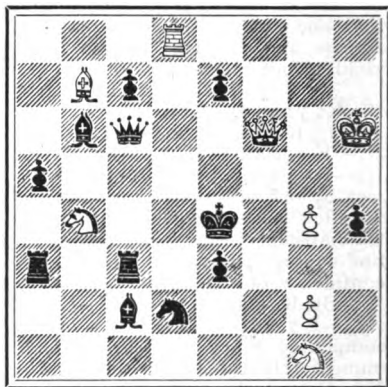
WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,584.

By MARJAN WROBEL
(Poland).

BLACK (12 pieces)



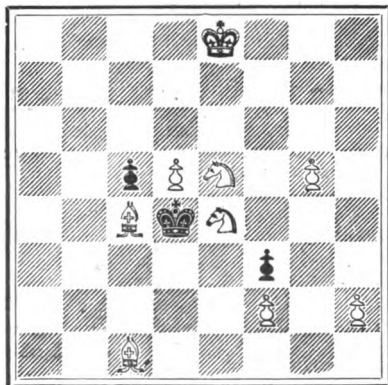
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,585.

By the Rev. P. N. HARRISON
(Beaconsfield).

BLACK (3 pieces)



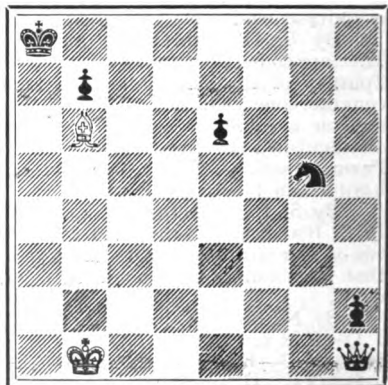
WHITE (9 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,586.

By S. GREEN
(London).

BLACK (5 pieces)



WHITE (3 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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SECOND LONDON TOURNAMENT, OCTOBER, 1926.

The second invitation tournament at the City of London Chess Club has just been concluded, and resulted in another fine win for V. Buerger, who this time, however, shared first prize with F. D. Yates.

Owing to previous engagements J. H. Blake was unable to play, but the remaining six competitors from the first tournament again took part, and the entry was greatly strengthened by the addition of E. G. Sergeant and Sir G. A. Thomas.

After beating Buerger in the first round Thomas drew with Yates, Saunders and Wheatcroft, and beat Goldstein in the longest game of the tournament, which ran to 8 hours' play and 70 moves. Meanwhile Buerger had won four games off the reel, and Yates, after losing a Wing Gambit in the Sicilian to Buerger, in which he secured no compensation for the Pawn sacrificed, won three games. The leading scores after the fifth round were accordingly Buerger 4, Thomas and Yates $3\frac{1}{2}$, and Saunders (who had missed a win against Yates with Rook, Bishop and Knight against Queen) had 2.

The critical sixth round was marked by blunders. First Thomas with a Pawn ahead, and no disadvantage, ran very short of time against Sergeant and lost a piece by a blunder. This put him out of the running for the first place. Then Morrison unwisely declined a draw by repetition of moves against Buerger and lost the game. Goldstein also, with a very strong position against Saunders, overcombined and ultimately lost.

In the final round Thomas beat Morrison after some vicissitudes, making his score $4\frac{1}{2}$. Saunders secured an opening advantage against Buerger, and won after an exciting scramble with the clock. This left Buerger with 5 and Saunders 4 (1 to finish). Sergeant embarked on an enterprising attack against Yates, which left him at the adjournment with Queen and 6 Pawns *v.* Queen, Bishop and 3 Pawns.

Saunders subsequently continued his adjourned game with Sergeant, and won a Knight for three Pawns. Although Sergeant had tripled Pawns he was able to draw the end-game, thus depriving Saunders of a share in the first prize. Yates drew with Sergeant by repetition of moves, for an attempt to win would probably have lost. Yates thereby divided first and second prize with Buerger.

Despite the slow time limit blunders were more frequent than usual, and favoured the prize-winners at the expense of Goldstein and Morrison.

Buerger played as soundly as before, although he seemed to tire in the second half of the tournament. It is indeed a very fine performance to come first in two such tournaments.

Yates often emerged from the opening with some disadvantage, but his greater experience pulled him through. Saunders came along at the end in style reminiscent of his Scarborough triumph last May. Thomas was not in his happiest vein, and drew too many games. Sergeant, despite lack of practice, played some hard games, and Wheatcroft showed a welcome recovery of form. Goldstein and Morrison both played better than in the previous tournament, but threw away several points by downright blunders.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T'l	Prize
1 V. Buerger	—	I	O	O	I	I	I	I	5	I-II, £10
2 F. D. Yates	O	—	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	I	5	} + £6, aq.
3 H. Saunders	I	O	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	} III-IV, £4
4 Sir G. A. Thomas	I	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	} + £2, aq.
5 E. G. Sergeant	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	4	
6 G. S. A. Wheatcroft	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	O	I	2 $\frac{1}{2}$		
7 M. E. Goldstein	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	
8 J. H. Morrison	O	O	O	O	O	$\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$		

CORRESPONDENCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—As one who has some small share in making the arrangements for the championship tournament of the S.C.C.U., which is a preliminary to the English County Championship tournament, I was interested in your correspondent's letter in the October issue.

The suggestion he puts forward sounds simple and ideal, but he evidently has no conception of the difficulties that are met with in arranging these competitions.

The geography of the country certainly does not lend itself to any such arrangement as your correspondent desires, as he would soon realise if he were present at a meeting of the S.C.C.U. and heard what delegates from such counties as Cornwall and Hampshire have to say on the point.

It must also be obvious that the metropolitan counties have a great advantage in respect of easy and inexpensive railway communication as compared with any of the others.

As a matter of fact the present system of grouping the Southern counties was very carefully and skilfully thought out by the S.C.C.U. secretary, and has given general satisfaction among those concerned while since the introduction of the Montague Jones Cup the extra-metropolitan southern counties have the chance of winning a definite honour and trophy of their own as well as taking part in the championship of the Union. I am,

Yours faithfully,

20 Lismore Road,
South Croydon, Surrey,
2nd October, 1926.

J. JAMIESON, *Hon. Secretary.*

HOW TO STUDY THE OPENINGS.

By A. FIRTH.

Books on chess, like golf courses, are usually laid out or written, as the case may be, by experts, and however good and attractive they may be for first-class players, usually present many terrors for the weaker brethren.

As in golf a very large majority of players never get below a double figure handicap, so in chess at least three quarters of the players never get beyond the Knight class of a first class club. It is to this very numerous class that I belong and for whom I am writing.

On the ground that an article "by a mug for mugs" would be a novelty I have endeavoured to describe a method which I worked out for myself and which I have found to be both interesting and improving.

I think my case is similar to many others: I took up chess in middle life, with no opportunity for club or match play, and more than 50 per cent. of my play was with a player not so good as myself. Then after the lapse of a good many years came the opportunity of meeting better players, when my want of experience, especially in the openings caused the loss of many games.

To cure the above, I bought *Modern Chess Openings*, by Griffith & Goldstein, the most up-to-date book of openings I could find, thinking, in the words of the poet "this would cure my rotten play," and that the reading of this would soon make me into a first class player. The shock when I got the book home nearly cost me my life, for I found in the Queen's Opening alone, of which I knew practically nothing, there were 113 columns on the Queen's Pawn Opening and 100 on the Queen's Gambit, with copious notes, etc., in addition.

The other openings seemed to be on the same lavish scale, so after glancing through it and reading the introductions to the various sections, I did what I think is done by the majority of ordinary players, I put it away for future use, which means for good.

After about six months of further ill-treatment at the hands of my friends who knew more, I took it down again with the idea that if I could not learn the lot, I would try and make some use of it.

My scheme of work was as follows: Instead of playing indiscriminately openings and defences as is so usual with ordinary players, to decide in the first instance which one or two openings I would play when White, and learn the best line to take from White's point of view, and then take up the various defences which I should have to play if Black.

I then proceed to eliminate everything which can be avoided by the lines I have decided to adopt, my object being: To waste as little time as possible; to carry the least possible dead-weight; to make my knowledge the result of reasoning rather than memory. And by having a very definite plan of my own to drive my opponent, as far as possible, into playing a game that suits me instead of letting him drag me into unknown paths to suit his own purposes.

The following is an example of this method in actual practice:—

Take the Queen's Gambit, pages 92-III.

As an old-fashioned player I am satisfied that for my class of play the King's Pawn Opening is good enough, especially as I know a little about it already, being the one I have hitherto most usually adopted. I therefore decide that I shall only have to deal with the Queen's Pawn Openings from Black's point of view.

We start with the Queen's Gambit, 100 columns of which 5 belong to the Gambit Accepted and 95 to the Gambit Declined.

I gather from the notes that the *Masters* usually decline, as to accept it gives eventually an advantage to White owing to the position of his Pawns for the End-Game.

Now the End-Game is so far away, and the chance of my playing a Master or even a first class player so remote, that I decide to accept the distant risk for the present advantage of less work and fewer complications, and to concentrate on making the best of the advantages offered to the defence in the opening.

By deciding to accept the Gambit I eliminate at once 95 columns as the positions occurring in these columns could not arise in any game which I should ever play.

This leaves 5 columns only to be considered, and the game would always commence as follows : 1 P—Q 4, P—Q 4 ; 2 P—Q B 4, P×P.

In the large majority of cases White now continues : 3 Kt—K B 3 (col. 1) or Kt—Q B 3 (col. 5) or if White plays P—K 3 or K 4, Black replies P—K 4, these can be worked out later, as they are of minor importance. These must be studied in all their variations.

By this method 100 columns have for us been reduced to 2 main columns, 2 minor columns, and the notes arising from *White's* variations, which is no very big task for anyone who really wants to learn.

The choosing and working out of these columns is the theoretical end of the business, to make it of real practical use is another matter and the next step is to play the moves over with the book and find out the *theory or idea* behind both attack and defence as a whole, and then the reasons for each particular move, on the principle that an opening or move played from *memory* is of almost no use, what matters being the *reasons* for everything.

When you have worked this out for yourself, get a friend, better than yourself if possible, and let him take White which he works up from White's point of view in the same way and play these openings and variations up to 12 or 15 moves, over and over again analysing and discussing the positions till you know the *reasons* for everything and can recognise the positions in your sleep. As you can always choose your own opening learn about 3 defences for each opening. Of course the study of the defences gives you some knowledge of the opening even from White's point of view.

This is not a quarter the amount of work it looks like on paper, It is most interesting and can be gradually extended from one opening or defence to another.

The above may sound lazy to a first class player, but to an ordinary player in about the Knight class in a good club, it will greatly add to both his pleasure and knowledge.

REVIEWS.

The Book of the Pan-American Chess Tournament, 1926. Edited by Hermann Helms and annotated by Clarence S. Howell. New York: *The American Chess Bulletin*. Price \$1.

The name of Clarence Howell is a sufficient guarantee that this collection of all the games played in the recent tournament at the Hotel Almanac, Lake Hopatcong, N.J., is worthily annotated. Mr. Howell is, indeed, an entertaining and breezy, while at the same time sound, chess critic. He does not go into minute analysis after the style of the late Georg Marco and Amos Burn; but he seizes on the salient points of a game, which is perhaps more to the taste of the average follower of chess in print.

Generally, in examining a book of chess annotations, we take one notable game as a test of the annotator's merit. In this Pan-American tournament we choose the fifth-round game, Maroczy *v.* Capablanca, which is the theme of a short article in the October *Wiener Schachzeitung*. The world champion in that game made a move, obviously unexpected by his opponent, 34., R×P—not a sacrifice, but a "loan"—to which Maroczy made a wrong reply, losing the game. Mr. Howell does not miss the point. He examines White's choice of moves, and concludes, "So . . . there were four chances for White to lose and only one way to draw—sufficient to justify the surprise move on Black's part." That is exactly what one wants to be told.

The book is printed in the admirable type of the *American Chess Bulletin* (in which some of the games and notes have already appeared), and has a brief preface by Hermann Helms and an introduction by Norman L. Lederer, to whom the organisation of the tournament was largely due. As was mentioned in our preliminary notice last month, illustrations are a feature of the book, showing the players in poses often quite remote from chess. Capablanca as the proud father is a particularly pleasing picture. Who now can say that chess is a foe to domestic life?

Cable Match Souvenir, published by Printing Craft Ltd., 34 Red Lion Square, London, W.C. One shilling.

Mr. Watts is to be congratulated on the production of a very nice little booklet, which will be invaluable to all those who attend or take an interest in the Cable Match between London and Chicago on November 9th, at Spring Gardens.

The first article is by J. G. Moncrieff, the "godfather" of the match, which gives the conditions of the challenge and the names of the guarantors. There are nine of these latter and they have put up a sum of 1,000 dollars.

Then follows an account and the complete scores of all previous cable matches between English and American teams: First the national competition for the Newnes Cup; then the 6 a-side matches

between the Universities for the Rice trophy ; and finally the match between the House of Commons and House of Representatives in 1897.

The names and records of such giants of the past as J. H. Blackburne, H. N. Pillsbury, Amos Burn and J. W. Showalter stimulate the chess appetite for the descriptions and annotated games of those who will play for the country in the forthcoming contest.

In the Universities' Cable matches, how many people could recall in which year J. R. Capablanca played top board for America ?

Further articles include short chatty paragraphs as to the personnel of the American and English teams, "what they are and who they've done," and a most instructive four pages describing how the moves will be sent and giving a short resumé of the advances in the science of telegraphy.

Eight pages of excellent illustrations including pictures of the trophies and all the players likely to take part in the play are another pleasing feature of the booklet.

The last page of all gives a score-sheet, in which owners of the book will be able to write in the names and keep their own score.

We strongly advise our subscribers to obtain a copy of this delightful souvenir.

Radio-Schach. Leichtfassliches Lehrbuch für Funkhörer. Von Edmund Nebermann, Erster Schachfunkleiter, Berlin. Mit Schachspiel. Oktav VIII, 62 Seiten. 1926. Verlag von Walter de Gruyter & Co., Berlin und Leipzig. In Leinen geb M.3.

An introduction to the game for beginners acquainted with the German language. The instruction given is well expressed, and much pains taken to give due prominence to points most needing to be memorised. A unique feature is the provision of what is virtually a pocket chess board, upon the back flyleaf (stiffened) and inner side of the near cover, together with a set of cardboard pieces in a small envelope, so that the learner can play through all the examples given without other apparatus—good value for three marks.

Under the heading of "Chess for Women," we are told, on the Woman's Page of a daily paper which once had an excellent chess column, but now ordinarily disregards chess :—

This "ancient and most honourable game" has largely remained beyond the ken of women, but now we read that a woman has taken first place in an open tournament, not through the leniency of man, but by her own brilliance. This has come as something of a shock to many, as the game has always been considered a masculine one.

It would be interesting to know to what "open tournament" this paragraph refers ! The shock does not appear as yet to have produced repercussions in the chess world.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

Would those subscribers to the *British Chess Magazine* who have not yet sent in their subscription for 1926 kindly do so now, in order that the accounts may be made up for the year?

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION.

The annual meeting of the council was held at the City of London Chess Club on Saturday, October 16th, when there was a representative gathering of delegates, with Major Sir Richard Barnett, M.P., in the chair. The 1925 school shield had been presented to the High School, Cardiff.

A proposal to establish a Benevolent Fund was carried and the organisation of the International team tournament and the London congress was drawn up. The Annual Statement of accounts was presented, showing a total receipt of £416 12s. 7d., and expenditure of £301 2s. 9d., so that in spite of the necessarily heavy expenses of delegates to the Budapest meeting and other matters in connection with the F.I.D.E. there is a balance of £115 9s. 10d. in hand. The Balance Sheet shows a total invested fund of £7,049 6s. 6d. The retiring honorary officers were re-elected, *viz.*: president, Canon A. G. Gordon Ross; treasurer, H. E. Dobell; secretary, Leonard P. Rees; and auditor, L. G. Hubbard, I.C.

After careful consideration it was decided that the International team tournament and the annual congress should be held concurrently in London, commencing on July 18th, but that the details of the congress tournaments be determined after the entries for the international team tournament due 1st January next are received. The executive committee will meet on the following Saturday, January 8th, to arrange these matters after which full details will be available. Meanwhile a special committee was appointed to consider the financial arrangement. Until the team entries are received it is difficult to give even a reasonably approximate estimate of the sum that will be required, but this may be from £1,500 to £1,750, and the full co-operation of all sections of the B.C.F. is essential to the raising of the required amount.

Entries for the Individual Correspondence tournament of 1927 are invited to be sent in on or before 1st December next. There will be championship, first, second and third class competitions. Not more than seven players will be included in any one section and there will be prizes for each section. Conditions and entry forms can now be obtained from the hon. secretary, B.C.F., Leonard P. Rees, St. Aubyns, Redhill, Surrey.

It is earnestly desired that any changes in the officials of chess clubs and associations or in the places of meeting, and similar details, should be notified to the hon. secretary of the B.C.F., so that the next issue of the Year Book may contain up-to-date information.

The First County Championship Match for the Season.—Kent took a team of 80 players to Hastings on October 2nd, the first 20 boards counting in the Southern Championship. Sussex just won as follows :—

SUSSEX.			KENT.		
1	W. Bridger (Champion 1926) ..	1	C. H. Lorch (Champion 1926)	0	
2	G. M. Norman	1	O. C. Muller	0	
3	E. M. Jackson	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Creswell	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	J. A. J. Drewitt	0	G. Tregaskis	1	
5	Rev. E. Griffiths	1	Prof. R. W. Genese (Reserve)	0	
6	C. F. Chapman	0	M. A. Prentice	1	
7	R. E. Lean	1	Rev. W. E. Evill	0	
8	J. Storr Best	1	W. M. Brooke	0	
9	Dr. W. M. Varley	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. H. S. Stevenson	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	H. E. Dobell	0	C. Hammond	1	
11	Miss Menchik	0	B. W. Hamilton	1	
12	J. H. Jones	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. L. Nickles	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13	H. L. Crawford	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. E. McCanlis	$\frac{1}{2}$	
14	E. G. Reed	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. Hanson	$\frac{1}{2}$	
15	J. A. Watt	0	L. F. Papé	1	
16	G. V. Butler	1	Mrs. Stevenson	0	
17	Castle Leaver	1	T. M. Wechsler	0	
18	Dr. R. Dunstan	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. C. Papé	$\frac{1}{2}$	
19	C. J. A. Wade	1	L. E. Fitzgerald	0	
20	H. W. Butler	0	S. P. Lees	1	

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The first 50 boards were in the Amboyna Shield Competition and here Sussex won by $28\frac{1}{2}$ to $21\frac{1}{2}$. The seaside team finished the whole match leading by $49\frac{1}{2}$ to $30\frac{1}{2}$.

Semi-final of the English Counties Championship.—Surrey beat Warwickshire at the rooms of Oxford University Chess Club on Saturday, October 9th, and thus qualify to meet Lancashire in the final on December 11th. Full score as follows :—

SURREY.			WARWICKSHIRE.		
1	R. P. Michell	$\frac{1}{2}$	A. J. Mackenzie	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	H. C. Griffiths	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. H. Terrill	$\frac{1}{2}$	
3	F. F. L. Alexander	1	A. R. Chamberlain	0	
4	G. A. Felce	1	F. H. Morris	0	
5	L. P. Rees	1	E. B. M. Conway	0	
6	B. H. N. Stronach	1	J. J. Spence	0	
7	H. G. Felce	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. H. Edwards	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8	E. Macdonald	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Filkin	$\frac{1}{2}$	
9	W. L. Brierley	$\frac{1}{2}$	P. C. Littlejohn	$\frac{1}{2}$	
10	G. Wernick	$\frac{1}{2}$	F. J. Roden	$\frac{1}{2}$	
11	A. J. Spencer	0	A. J. Bollen	1	
12	R. H. Birch	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. G. Butcher	$\frac{1}{2}$	
13	G. F. Mitchell	0	F. V. Dix	1	
14	Dr. F. St. John Steadman ..	1	J. W. Wilder	0	
15	A. D. Barlow	1	P. Allender	0	
16	J. E. Redon	0	F. P. Harper	1	

 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 $\frac{1}{2}$

Warwickshire had the move on the odd-numbered boards.

Hertfordshire mean to make a special effort to win the Montague Jones Cup in 1926-7. This fact came out at their annual meeting on October 2nd. The secretary, W. Hatton-Ward was especially congratulated on showing a record credit balance of £14 8s., and it was resolved to expend £10 8s. in buying £13 worth of War Savings Certificates as a reserve fund.

The County Individual Championship Cup was presented by the President to G. P. A. Richards, of Barnet, who won it for the second time.

The County Club Championship resulted in a tie between Watford and Barnet, and it has been agreed that the two clubs shall hold the cup jointly.

Nottinghamshire.—The year book of this Chess Association is to hand and is well got up, giving full particulars as to rules, officers and matches. The balance sheet shows £24 17s. 1d. excess of assets over liabilities. The Championship Tournament resulted in a win for J. W. Broadbent, the live wire of the Association, F. J. Hingley being runner-up. Class B Tournament went to E. L. Giordan and Junior prize to F. C. Swingle. A lightning match between County and City resulted as follows :—

COUNTY.				CITY.			
1	J. W. Broadbent	..	2	F. J. Hingley	..	0	0
2	J. N. Derbyshire	..	2	C. Fenner	..	0	0
3	C. N. Rushton	..	0	F. Newell	..	2	2
4	H. Parkin	..	1½	C. J. Fretton	..	½	½
5	H. M. Sheppard	..	2	E. L. Giordan	..	0	0
6	T. E. Wright	..	1	A. E. Hawkesley	..	1	1
7	S. B. Pickbourne	..	2	T. B. Whitby	..	0	0
8	C. Hutsby	..	½	W. H. Cunningham	..	1½	1½
9	H. W. Histon	..	2	F. W. Swingle	..	0	0
10	W. H. Emmerson	..	2	F. C. Swingle	..	0	0
11	A. Dawes	..	0	J. C. Cunningham	..	2	2
12	F. Matthews	..	2	C. Woodcock	..	0	0
13	J. R. Poecock	..	2	P. G. Wells	..	0	0
19				7			

The annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Chess Association was held on October 9th at St. Bride's Institute. In the absence of the president, R. C. Griffith, the chair was taken by S. Meymott.

The match captain and secretary interchanged offices, E. Busvine becoming the new captain and H. Meek the new secretary. The remaining officers were re-elected, and F. Artis was appointed correspondence match captain. Mr. Meek, on vacating the match captaincy, after six strenuous years of unexampled success, was accorded a special vote of thanks.

The prize for the individual championship was presented to V. Buerger, who won every game in the final pool; and the County Cup was presented to the winners, North London.

The North Gloucestershire Chess League have issued a fixture card for 1926-7 which shows how flourishing the game of chess now is in this part of the country. There are three dozen events divided into first, second and third divisions for each of which a cup is forthcoming. D. S. Hole (Gloucester) is president and J. W. E. Coley (Stroud), hon. secretary.

The Northern Counties Chess Association held its 27th Annual Meeting on October 2nd at Manchester, and a highly satisfactory state of affairs was disclosed. In fact the names of the officers elected for the coming season is sufficient guarantee that all will go well in the North. The president is W. R. Thomas and secretary E. Spencer, while A. C. Ivimy, W. H. Sparkes and I. M. Brown will represent Yorkshire on the executive. In addition to Lancashire and Yorkshire, Cheshire and Durham sent delegates to the meeting and we hope before long to hear that the remaining Northern Counties have fallen into line.

The seventy-fourth annual meeting of the Bradford Chess Club was held on September 16th in the club rooms, Central Café, Tyrrel Street, the president (F. J. Reddihough) occupying the chair. The report records, with regret, the deaths of H. H. Spencer and J. Cooper, vice-president and a past president of the club. Thanks were tendered to Mrs. G. M. Shaw for the gift of twenty-two volumes of chess books, and a number of chess magazines, in memory of her late husband. The prizes in the various tournaments played during the past season were won as follows: Silver King and Club Championship, H. W. Hodgkinson; 2, F. Betts. Silver Rook handicap tourney, M. Simpson; 2, T. Jobling. Special Opening Tournament, W. Staynes; 2, J. B. Grew; 3, H. W. Law. Reference was made to an appeal by the Yorkshire County Chess Association for the purpose of raising £150 as a contribution from Yorkshire to the Northern Counties Chess Union to capitalise the N.C.C.U. annual contribution to the National Chess Congress. It was intimated that the Leeds Chess Club had promised to contribute £50 to the fund, and it was decided that Bradford would at least equal Leeds; a start was made by voting £10 from the club funds, and a committee was appointed to deal with the raising of further donations. The report concluded by extending the congratulations of the club to Mr. Frederick Priestman, J.P., upon the attainment of his ninetieth birthday, and the honour of the Freedom of the City which was conferred upon him.

Sheffield Chess Association.—There has never been an annual meeting of the Sheffield Chess Association at which it was possible to report such a successful season in the Yorkshire chess competitions as was the case on Monday night, when about fifty members assembled at the Gambit Café, under the presidency of Mr. E. R. Davy. Prominently displayed were the three county trophies which were won last season—the Edwin Woodhouse Cup (won outright with the third

consecutive victory), the I.M. Brown Shield (won for the second time in succession) and the *Yorkshire Observer* Trophy (won at the first attempt). Such a triple success had never before been achieved by any chess organisation in the county. (From the *Sheffield Telegraph and Star*.)

Edinburgh Ladies' Chess Club.—The season opened at 20 Rutland Square, Edinburgh, on Monday, October 4th, when the president, Miss S. E. Mair, welcomed the members. Miss Malcolm, who acted as local secretary to the congress, was congratulated on the great success her efforts had met with.

It has been arranged for E. Znosko-Borovsky to come to Edinburgh in November for a week or more, to give instruction to the ladies, who are keen to improve their play. The club is to be open on Tuesday evenings and the usual four afternoons a week, and there is to be a Guest Afternoon on the first Saturday of each month.

Deep regret was expressed at the annual meeting of Brixton Chess Club at the retirement of F. J. Robinson, who has ably held the presidency for 13 years. He is succeeded by another veteran in W. J. Benge.

The Club Championship Tournament having resulted in a tie, silver medals were presented to W. Gooding and H. C. Griffiths as joint champions. H. G. Felce received Mr. Buck's prize for the highest percentage in league games. J. E. Huson obtained the Surrey Medal and 1st prize in the Continuous Tournament; and M. J. F. Crewell the 2nd prize.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Cheltenham Chess Club was held on October 13th. The president, Rt. Hon. Sir James Agg-Gardner, P.C., M.P., was re-elected. The championship was won by H. P. Parsbo for the sixth time in succession, and he also holds the championship of Gloucestershire Chess Association. The president offered to present a new cup for the championship of the club, the old one to be handed over to H. P. Parsbo.

Lancaster Chess Club.—S. Keir, president, presided at the 28th annual meeting which proved the club to be in a satisfactory condition. W. J. Atherton, the hon. secretary, was re-elected for the 17th consecutive year.

The winner of the club tourney, under scratch terms, was A. C. Haines, and he also won the tourney under handicap terms, with $10\frac{1}{2}$ points against R. W. Atkinson $8\frac{1}{2}$ and C. Mitchell 8 points. A. C. Haines therefore won the president's prize. R. W. Watkinson captured Dr. Shackleton-Bailey's prize.

Letchworth Chess Club.—The fifth annual meeting was held on the 5th October, and the reports showed the past season had been most encouraging.

The treasurer reported that after the payment of all accounts there was a credit balance in hand of 3d., this was considered so large for the Chess Club that the question of finding a suitable investment was adjourned for fuller discussion at a special meeting to be called for that purpose. It was pointed out that this amount might have been nearly doubled had it not been for the disastrous Coal Strike, showing how far-reaching these unfortunate strikes are.

The club last season affiliated to Hertfordshire Chess Association and had played 5 matches in the Eastern Section, winning 3, drawing 1, and losing 1. This placed the new club second, New Barnet being first.

In the club competitions the championship was won by Mr. James with a score of $14\frac{1}{2}$, Mr. Stevens being 2nd with $11\frac{1}{2}$. The handicap was also won by Mr. James with a score of 26, Mr. Firth being 2nd with $22\frac{1}{2}$. Mr. James did not lose a game in either competition.

The club starts its new season with 24 members, and it is interesting to note that the combined ages of three of its most active members make a total of 246 years, H. F. L. Meyer, the senior member, still playing top board at 87 years of age.

For the annual report of the Norfolk and Norwich Club (which has now been in existence since 1836), it is stated that the membership is upwards of 50, and the matches and events are keenly contested.

H. P. Coulton was again successful in winning the championship of the club with a score of $14\frac{1}{2}$; 2nd, E. Lake, $12\frac{1}{2}$; 3rd, W. S. Daws, $11\frac{1}{2}$.

The successful competitors in the Handicap Tourney were: 1st, T. R. Turvey (class IV); 2nd and 3rd (tie), H. P. Coulton and W. S. Daws (both Class I).

The Norfolk and Suffolk challenge cup is competed for by the various clubs in those counties. It was held for some time by the N. and N., but for the past few years it has been in the hands of the Ipswich Club. This season Norfolk and Norwich determined to make an effort to regain possession and the rival clubs met at Diss on 29th October. The contests are for five players a-side, and the challengers were successful in winning the match 3—2. Norfolk and Norwich were represented by Rev. F. E. Hamond, H. P. Coulton, Dr. A. Crook, G. Howitt and E. Lake.

The success of their veteran member, John Keeble, is placed on record. First prize in minor tourney at Hyères (France), with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ out of 8; first in 2nd class at Weston-super-Mare, 8 out of 9; and tie for 2nd place in 2nd class at Edinburgh, 9 out of 11. In research work Mr. Keeble has proved himself most useful. In January last he discovered the tomb of Lowenthal in the cemetery at Ore, near Hastings, and took part in a ceremony at the grave on July 21st, the 50th anniversary of the master's death. Following upon this he in August discovered the burial place of the great Philidor (chess player and musician).

The Fédération Française des Echecs, Paris, has sent Mr. John Keeble a letter warmly thanking him for his discovery of the burial place of their "grand theoricien, François Philidor."

Annual Christmas Congress at Hastings.—The full programme for this congress, the seventh of its series, is now issued and copies may be obtained from the hon. secretary, Chess Club, 7 Carlisle Parade, Hastings. Entries for the Premier Tournament for 5 British and 5 foreign players will be by invitation only, the prizes being £15; £12, £8 and £5 respectively. All the other events are quite open and consist of: Major Open Tournament (prizes £10, £7, £4 and 10/- per win for non-prizewinners), entrance fee 15/-; First Class (prizes £6, £4 10s. and £3), entrance fee 10/-; Second Class (prizes £4, £3, £2), entrance fee 7/6; Third Class (prizes £3, £2 and £1), entrance fee 5/-. Only one game a day in the principal events. Commencing Tuesday, December 28th, and finishing Thursday, January 6th, 1927.

Richard Reti will be one of the foreign contingent.

The Hastings Chess Club announces a series of nine tournaments for the winter programme. Four level events according to class, followed by a "Keeble" Trophy. This consists of a silver salver, presented by the veteran, John Keeble. Games will be played "level" on Tuesday evenings, but a handicap will operate in such a way that weak players may have so many moves back according to their ability. Consultation tourney on Thursdays at 7, and three afternoon contests for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

It is proposed that a chess congress might be arranged to be held in Cambridge from the 21st to the 28th February. Play would take place at the Belle Vue Hotel, overlooking the river at the back, and accommodation for players could be obtained in the hotel at moderate cost. Entrance fees and prizes would be on quite a small scale, but it is thought that some would enjoy a visit to the old university town during full term.

Anyone interested in this proposal is invited to communicate with Mr. E. H. Church, at Lyndeside, Lyndewode Road, Cambridge, from whom further particulars can be obtained.

North London Chess Club.—The 56th annual meeting took place on September 27th at the Library Hall, Church Street, Stoke Newington, N.16., E. J. Randall (president) in the chair. It was announced that last season the club had gained second place (equal with Brixton) in the "A" division of the London League, having won 10 matches and lost 3. E. J. Randall was unanimously re-elected president, H. R. Ovenden, treasurer, and L. Klein, secretary. L. T. Lake was appointed match captain of the "A" team, and F. H. Smith captain of the "C" team.

The hon. secretary, L. Klein, 44 Downs Park Road, E.8., will be pleased to answer enquiries, or to welcome visitors, ladies and gentlemen, on Monday evenings at the Library Hall.

City of London Chess Club: Championship Tournament (Gastineau Cup), 1926-27.—The following members have entered, viz.: Sir George Thomas, Bart., R. P. Michell, H. Saunders, R. C. J. Walker, M. E. Goldstein, Herbert Jacobs, H. S. Barlow, E. T. Jesty, E. G. Sergeant, E. Macdonald, J. H. Blake, P. W. Sergeant, E. Scamp, F. F. L. Alexander, J. P. Savage, W. Gooding.

The annual meeting of the West London Chess Club was held at Hampshire House on September 24th, R. Eastman in the chair. The championship of the club had been won by Fred T. Downey. The cup provided for annual contest by the president had been won by R. T. McCarthy. The club tied for fourth place in the "A" League, W. H. Robertson heading the percentage list with 83 per cent. wins.

There are vacancies for several new members and the committee invite players living in West London to pay a visit to Hampshire House, Hog Lane, Hammersmith, any Monday or Friday.

We have received through the kindness of L. A. Durham, the hon. secretary, the fixtures list and match card of the Insurance Chess Club and League, which discloses a great amount of activity. Twenty-one events are undertaken by the mother club, including a lecture by G. W. Richmond and simultaneous displays by V. Buerger, T. F. Lawrence and Brian Harley, while inter-office matches are played in two divisions, senior and junior. About two dozen matches take place in each division. The club's headquarters are at "The Old Bell," Holborn, E.C.

The Winter Season of the Hampstead Chess Club commenced with a match between the team which so successfully toured Belgium and France during July, and the rest of the Club, the match taking place at Stanfield House on Tuesday, October 5th.

In the unavoidable absence of P. W. Sergeant from the touring team, W. H. Watts took his place. A very keen match ultimately resulted in a narrow defeat of the travellers. Score:—

REST OF HAMPSTEAD.					HAMPSTEAD TOURING TEAM.				
1	V. Buerger (Black)	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Winter	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
2	J. H. Blake	..	..	1	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	..	0
3	R. C. Griffith	..	..	1	W. E. Bonwick	..	..	..	0
4	J. H. Morrison..	..	..	0	Dr. F. Goldstein	..	..	..	1
5	S. Y. Harwich	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. H. Watts	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
6	E. Williams	..	..	0	A. E. Mercer	..	..	..	1
7	J. Glass	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. M. Jellie	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
8	Mrs. Holloway	..	..	1	E. Busvine	..	..	..	0
9	A. E. Barfield	..	..	0	E. J. Scrimgeour	..	..	..	1
10	H. G. Dowden	..	..	1	G. H. Rowson	..	..	..	0
5 $\frac{1}{2}$					4 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Among the celebrations accompanying the opening of the new Parliament House at Canberra will be a chess match by wireless between Australian and British members. The challenge was sent

by the Hon. Sir Littleton Groom, Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives, and cordially accepted by the Right Hon J. H. Whitley, Speaker of the House of Commons. The Amalgamated Wireless Co. of Australia has undertaken to transmit the moves of the six games, providing the British P.O. will operate at this end. Major Sir Richard Barnett, president of the House of Commons Chess Circle, will make all the necessary arrangements for the British team.

On October 9th a 30-board match was played at St. Bride's Institute, between Hampstead and the Rest of Middlesex. After a hard fight the club suffered defeat by a margin of $14\frac{1}{2}$ to $15\frac{1}{2}$, Middlesex thus reversing the result of the previous season's match.

A useful entry has been secured for the Hampstead championship, namely H. G. Dowden, M. E. Goldstein, R. C. Griffith (holder), S. Y. Harwich, Mrs. Holloway, A. E. Mercer, J. H. Morrison, J. S. Russell, W. H. Watts, E. Williams, W. Winter and P. I. Wyndham.

On October 19th, F. D. Yates played six consultative games simultaneously against 3 players at each board. He scored 4 wins and 2 draws, against the teams led by R. C. Griffith and J. Glass.

The club has added several very promising young players to its list of membership, and hopes to have a very successful season. It will make a determined effort to retain the championship of the London Chess League, which since the war has been won more times by Hampstead than by any other club.

Lloyds Bank visited the Imperial Chess Club on Tuesday, October 19th, 1926, with the following result:—

IMPERIAL.				LLOYDS BANK.			
1	Sir Edgar Wigram, Bart.	..	o	W. E. Allnutt	..	..	1
2	Maj. Sir Richard Barnett, M.P.	..	o	L. C. G. Dewing	..	..	1
3	C. Wreford Brown	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	C. B. Millard	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
4	A. Rutherford	..	o	R. H. Bayley	..	..	1
5	H. E. Tudor	..	o	C. B. Head	..	..	1
6	J. F. Chance	..	o	M. Prashker	..	..	1
7	Miss Cotton	..	o	A. F. Campbell	..	..	1
8	Mrs. Stevenson	..	1	B. Oakley	..	..	o
9	Capt. the Hon. A. J. Lowther	..	1	H. V. Buckenham	..	..	o
10	Miss Chater	..	1	A. G. Barker	..	..	o
11	W. Imboden	..	1	A. T. Bradley	..	..	o
4 $\frac{1}{2}$				6 $\frac{1}{2}$			

E. Znosko-Borovsky, the Russian master, is now in England and could take engagements for simultaneous play or lessons in chess. He is extremely popular at this latter and possesses the knack of imparting pleasantly to others his knowledge of theory and combination. He has been at Liverpool throughout October and will go to Scotland for a fortnight in November, but after the 20th of this month will be coming South and already has some dates booked for displays. Letters sent to him c/o the B.C.M., 45 Clapham Road, will be forwarded.

This month a chess column appears for the first time in the magazine *Great Thoughts*, and we welcome this addition to the ranks. Two new problems by E. B. Cook are given, and a well-annotated game (Goldstein v. Alekhine) from the Scarborough Congress. The column should add considerably to the number of readers of *Great Thoughts*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LONDON CHESS LEAGUE FIXTURES: A CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—In the table of "A" League fixtures, published in this month's *B.C.M.*, Brixton v. West London is entered December 1st and Jan. 19th. West London is meeting Brixton on December 1st only. West London v. Metropolitan February 24th has been omitted.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. REGAN, *Match Captain*,
W.L.C.C.

[We regret the error and thank Mr. Regan for pointing it out.—ED.]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—The frontispiece of *Le Palamede* for 1843 consists of a portrait of Philidor under which is written: "Philidor . . . Né à Dreux, le 7 septembre 1726, Mort à Londres, le 29 aout, 1795."

In *The Chessplayers' Chronicle* (1840), volume I, page 284, however, Staunton, in answer to "F.M.G." (a correspondent) definitely states: "Philidor died on August 31st, 1795." This of course confirms Mr. Keeble's version.

Yours faithfully,

4 JAMES STREET,
LINCOLN, October 17th, 1926.

G. H. DIGGLE.

A CORRECTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—In your review of *Klassische Schachpartein aus Moderner Zeiten* you were unable to mention the price. I observe from Kagan's catalogue that the price is 2.50 marks for the 1st and 3 marks for the second volume.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

28 HOLLAND STREET,
BRIXTON ROAD, S.W. 9.
11th October, 1926.

G. HANSON.

OBITUARY.

Mr. E. J. Rook died at Maidstone on October 8th at the age of 70. He had been a member of the local club for 40 years and only rarely missed attendance on Club evenings. He was of good average strength and was always ready for match play or practice as desired by his club secretary.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS

Malta.—The recent championship tournament, the strongest ever held in the island (writes a correspondent), ran from the 16th to the 30th August. Oscar Serracino Inglott, the former champion, won it with a margin of one point above the two runners-up. His victory was certainly well deserved ; for he played the steadiest chess. He never showed the least sign of excitement, even in the most difficult positions, and met strong and weak players alike with that confidence which is such a deciding factor in a keenly contested game.

Playing with great care, and also perhaps with some luck, V. Cesareo succeeded in keeping pace with the leaders, O. S. Inglott and J. Soler. But the champion beat him in their individual game and shattered his hopes of first prize. Soler began splendidly, playing strictly sound though somewhat timid chess. R. B. Jackson, however, succeeded in bewildering him by adopting the Riga variation of the Ruy Lopez, with which Soler was unfamiliar. As a result, the stronger player obtained a decidedly inferior game and eagerly accepted the draw which his opponent afterwards proposed. In a later round, Soler could only draw against Cesareo, and the final result then depended upon the Soler-O. Inglott and the Cesareo-O. Inglott games. The latter, as has been said, ended in a victory for Inglott ; but the former, owing to a weak line of play adopted by the champion, reached a stage in which Soler had a clearly won position. At the adjournment, the result seemed inevitable ; but a hastily considered capture by his opponent enabled Inglott to fight for a draw, which he succeeded in obtaining, thus making sure of first prize.

Martin, one of the English contingent, should have done better than he did ; but he is too attacking a player. Erin Serracino Inglott, Carmelo Frisk, and Albert Marks were the tragedies of the tournament. The first is at least fully a match for his brother, and his play in this tournament is very far from being in his customary style. Frisk lost three games by sheer blunders in won positions. Marks lost his first two games by evident oversights and suffered from the consequent demoralisation.

The prize-giving took place on October 16th at "The King's Own Club," when the Silver King was presented to the champion and a silver medal to V. Cesareo, J. Soler having renounced a prize. The opportunity was taken of holding a lightning tournament, in which O. S. Inglott shared honours with C. Frisk, and a simultaneous exhibition, in which O. S. Inglott beat three opponents and drew with Frisk, taking fifty minutes in all.

E. S. Inglott is endeavouring to organise another tournament in December and a strong entry is expected, as many of the players are anxious for an opportunity of getting their own back.

South Africa.—The championship of the Durban C.C. has been won by Dr. J. B. McCord, with a score of $6\frac{1}{2}$ out of 9 possible. Second, only half a point behind, was J. C. Archer, junr., who is but sixteen years old and has not previously taken part in a tournament. Until he lost his individual game *v.* McCord, young Archer looked like taking first place; and in that game he is said to have tried to force a win when he should have been content with a draw.

Natal is holding a championship tournament in Durban this month.

In the inter-university match, Capetown *v.* Stellenbosch, the result was a draw, 8—8. On the top boards Professor Mackie and Mr. Mandelbrook scored two wins for Capetown, beating Professors Malherbe and Wilcocks.

Louis Gans, the Dutch chess master and writer, is now residing in Johannesburg.

On September 23rd a 28-board match at Pretoria between Services and the Rest was won by the Rest by $25\frac{1}{2}$ — $23\frac{1}{2}$, two games being played on most boards. The first nine players on the winning side scored 14—2!

New Zealand.—The twenty-seventh annual general meeting of the N.Z.C.A. was held in Wellington on August 18th, when it was reported that the number of affiliated clubs had fallen to seventeen, Timaru having ceased to exist, while the Auckland Working Men's Club had withdrawn from membership. On the other hand, chess clubs have recently been formed at Whangarei, Tauranga, Hastings, Havelock (H.B.), Dannevirke and Wadestown, and it is hoped to induce some of these to join the Association.

Mr. John Mason, N.Z. champion in 1910, is now M.P. for Napier—which, by the way, was the first chess centre in New Zealand.

United States.—One welcome result of the Western Chess Association's congress in Chicago seems likely to be the foundation of a "National Chess Association of the U.S.A." This was urged at the concluding banquet of the congress by Maurice E. Kuhns, chairman of the chess committee of the Hamilton Club; and he announced his intention of proceeding to New York to seek support for the scheme. It is certainly time that so important a chess country as the U.S. had a national controlling body. Might we suggest, however, that the word "Federation" be used instead of "Association"? There is, perhaps, no real ground for preferring one word to the other. But for the sake of uniformity with England, France, etc., "Federation" appears the most suitable term.

We were unable to ascertain in time for insertion last month the result of the Western championship (distinct from the masters' tournament) at Chicago. This was won by Leon Stolzenberg, of Detroit, from a field of twenty-two competitors. There were two preliminary sections, from which the seven highest scorers—H. Steiner (New York), $9\frac{1}{2}$; Stolzenberg, 8; H. Halbohm (Chicago)

and I. Spero (Cleveland), 7 each, from Section A ; and J. T. Beckner (Louisville), $8\frac{1}{2}$; A. C. Margolis (Chicago), 8 ; and O. Frink, junr. (Brooklyn), $7\frac{1}{2}$, from Section B—went into the final. In that Stolzenberg scored 5, Steiner $4\frac{1}{2}$, Margolis 3, Halbohm and Spero $2\frac{1}{2}$, Bechner 2, and Frink $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The contemplated match at Portland, Maine, between the Boston and Montreal chess clubs was cancelled because of the Canadian championship congress. Instead, on August 21st, seven visitors from Boston came to Portland and met a local team, whom they beat by $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

The complete figures of Dr. Lasker's exhibition tour in America at the beginning of this year (which we were unable to trace up to now) appear to be : games played 846 ; won 745 ; drawn, 68 ; lost, 33.

"Mrs. Regina Morphy-Voitier of New Orleans, La.," says the *Brooklyn Eagle*, "has completed the *Life of Morphy in the Vieux Carre of New Orleans and Abroad* and expects to publish it during October. Mrs. Voitier, who is a niece of Paul Morphy, was at one time the editor of a monthly magazine called *The Creole Magazine*, and contributed short stories to the daily press. She is also talented as a singer, having sung in many churches, and as a composer on the piano."

France.—In the course of a visit to Paris early last month the Foreign Editor had the pleasure of a little talk with D. Janowski, whom he found at his usual afternoon seat in the Café de la Rotonde, overlooking the garden of the Palais-Royal. The Franco-Polish master was anticipating with interest taking part in the Ghent tournament, and at the end of the year hoped to compete at the Hastings congress. He expressed his opinion that he was the better for little or no play between tournaments, coming to chess the fresher and clearer-minded for a rest. He thought that this was the case with very many masters, though it might suit some to have fairly constant practice.

The Palais-Royal players were busy at "skittles." Aurbach, Baratz and Ratner were only looking on, but Romih was indulging in some light-hearted games ; numerous bearded seniors were trying conclusions with one another, and two ladies graced the proceedings and joined in the play. But, though the Palais-Royal has now a very strong membership, owing largely to the number of Russian experts in Paris, serious chess is at a discount.

A new chess circle, the British Chess Club, was opened in Paris on October 7th. It meets at 8 every Thursday evening in the Trianon Bar, rue des Mathurins, the subscription for members being only 15 francs a year.

The brilliancy prizes at the recent Biarritz congress have been awarded as follows : first to F. Lazard for his win against G. Renaud ; second and third *ex æquo* to G. Renaud and A. Gibaud for their wins against A. Gromer and L. Betbeder respectively.

Belgium.—The Ghent masters' tournament began on October 23rd and is due to finish in November. The six competitors, who will meet each other twice, are : E. Colle, Dr. S. Tartakover, D. Janowski, R. Crépeaux, Sir George Thomas and F. D. Yates. M. E. Lancel, in his chess column (from which he sends us a cutting), laments the fact that, besides Colle, no other Belgian nor any of the strong foreign players resident in Belgium has been invited to compete.

Belgium, like France, has at the present time a number of chess experts of foreign extraction in her midst. For instance, E. Sapira was born in Paris, of Roumanian parents ; V. Soultanbieff is a Russian ; the Dunkelblums, of Antwerp, are Poles ; and so is C. Gottesdiener, of the same town. To judge by their names, several other leading players in Belgium hailed originally from abroad as, for instance, G. Koltanowski.

A Brussels championship tournament, held August 16th—30th, resulted in a tie between A. Tackels and M. Varlin, who scored $7\frac{1}{2}$ points each. E. Lancel was third, with $6\frac{1}{2}$. There were six competitors in a double-round contest.

A team match, Flanders *v.* North of France, was won by Flanders, $17\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Germany.—A double-round match of 71 boards, played at Krefeld, between a "Rheinland" team and a Dutch visiting team, was won by the former by $74\frac{1}{2}$ — $67\frac{1}{2}$, though the visitors led on the first day by 38—33.

The two brilliancy prizes in the late Dresden tournament have been awarded as follows : first to Nimzovitch for his game *v.* Johner, second divided between Alekhine and Nimzovitch for their games *v.* Rubinstein.

Holland.—Between September 27th and October 2nd Dr. M. Euwe contested a match of 5 games with J. Davidson; winning 3 and drawing 2.

"A Dutch subscriber" writes us that the classification of chess masters to which we referred in our last issue, p. 446, was due not to I. J. Milborn, but to J. W. te Kolsté, chess editor of the *Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant*. Our correspondent points out the curious omission of M. Euwe, the young Dutch champion, from the list.

Italy.—The fourth "Crespi" (national) tournament was played at Milan, October 2nd—14th, with ten competitors, of whom Sani retired after losing four games.

The final placings were : Antonio Sacconi, 7 points ; Padulli, $6\frac{1}{2}$; Rosselli del Turco, 6 ; Monticelli, $5\frac{1}{2}$; Singer, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Patay and Seitz 4 ; Rastrelli, 3 ; Helmann, $2\frac{1}{2}$; and Stalda, 2.

Spain.—A national championship tournament, held at Barcelona, ended on October 6th in another victory for Golmayo, holder of the

title, who scored 8 points in 10 games. Vilardebó (Catalan champion) and Cortés divided second and third prizes, with 7 points, Rey took the fourth, with $5\frac{1}{2}$, and Lafora the fifth, with 5. The non-prize winners were: Domenech, Fernandez and Marin, $4\frac{1}{2}$; Ivanoff, 4; Avellan, 3; and Castellá, 2.

Hungary.—A Transdanubian masters' tournament, held at Körmend, brought forward Ernő Grünfeld, a 19-year-old namesake of the well-known master. There were twenty-four competitors, arranged in four groups, two players from each going into the final pool. Grünfeld and F. Chalupetzky tied for first place in this, and the play-off yielded a win to each.

Poland.—The president of the new Polish Chess Federation is J. Zabinski, not A. Skrzynski, as previously announced.

The championship of the Lvov (Lemberg) C.C. has been won by Knappeis with $12\frac{1}{2}$ points, Kohn, Popiel and Roman following with $11\frac{1}{2}$ each.

The next national championship tournament will be held at Lodz, probably in April.

Russia.—A double-round match of ten boards between Leningrad and Moscow on September 11th-12th, was won by Leningrad, $11\frac{1}{2}$ — $8\frac{1}{2}$ though Rosenkrantz, Moscow's top board, beat Kubbel $1\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$.

Twenty-four players competed in a tournament of the north-western group of the All-Russian Chess Federation. The three winners in each of the two preliminary sections were: A. Model (9), A. Iljin-Zenevsky ($8\frac{1}{2}$), M. Kagan (8); and E. Rabinovitch (11) M. Bottvinik and E. Golubeff (9 each).

Denmark.—A 75-board match at Malmö on September 26th between the local players and Copenhagen was won by the visitors by 61—14. Copenhagen had a fine team.

Sweden.—At the tenth national congress, held at Karlstad in July, K. Berndtsson, of Göteborg, carried off the championship with a score of 6 (5 wins and 2 draws). G. Arfwedson was second.

Finland.—The Abo C.C. took advantage of a visit from the Latvian expert, F. Apscheneek, to organise a small tournament of eight players. This was won by K. M. Kyrklund with 6 points, Apscheneek being second with $5\frac{1}{2}$ points.

Jugoslavia.—In a national amateur tournament at Ljubljana twenty-three players took part. The sectional winners were Sadi Kalabar and Kosta Rozic. Kalabar won the deciding match by 2—0 and is the new Yugoslavian master. He was born at Zagreb twenty-five years ago.

South America.—The last number to hand of the *Revista del Club Argentino de Ajedrez* shows that A. Alekhine has made a great impression on chess circles in Argentina.

An international match, Brazil v. Uruguay, was drawn with a score of 4—4.

In the September *Echiquier* M. Pierre Vincent, general secretary of the French Chess Federation, expresses his fear lest the international team tournament at the London congress of 1927 may act prejudicially on the entries for the Olympic team tournament at Amsterdam in 1928.

A curious discovery has been made by Hans Müller (writing in the *Wiener Schachzeitung* for October) with regard to the game Monticelli-Reti, Budapest, which was Game No. 5,741 in our last issue. In the position here diagrammed it was Reti's turn to make his 29th move—White having just captured a Bishop on his Q Kt 5.

Reti played 29., P×B and eventually lost. But he had the beautiful resource, which Herr Müller claims to be the first to discover, 29., Kt×K P!! After 30 Q—K 1, R×R ch; 31 Q×R, Kt×R; 32 B—Q 3 (if 32 B×P, Q—R 2 ch), Q—R 2 ch, with Q—K 6 to follow.

By winning this game Monticelli was enabled to tie with Grünfeld for first place; while Reti, by losing, only just came within the prize-list. Had Reti won it he would have tied for second-fourth prizes, and Monticelli would have been in a tie for sixth-seventh prizes only.

But there seems to be a flaw in Herr Müller's analysis, which we leave for our readers' detection.

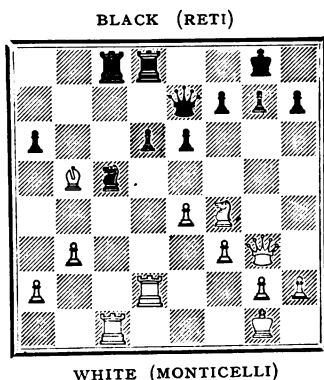
Capablanca has given Nimzovitch until January 1st, 1927, to deposit his forfeit-money (\$500) for a match for the world championship. Failing that, he will take up Alekhine's challenge—which is already backed by the chess enthusiasts of Buenos Aires with a purse of \$10,000.

In the meantime we hear that Alekhine is expected back in Europe soon, to play a match against Euwe.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. FRISK (Valetta, Malta).—Many thanks. Your news will always be welcome.

S. MLOTKOWSKI (Camden, New Jersey).—No, not a single tiger! With regard to "Morphy," I fear not, much as I should like to. The search for unpublished games seems vain.



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Annual General Meeting.—The above meeting was held in the Gambit, London, on Monday, October 4th, at 7-30 p.m., and particulars of the business transacted, will be given in the Year Book.

Trophies Results.—(Correction) F. Clarke beat Dewing should have been Dewing beat Clarke (See October *B.C.M.*). Class 2b: Windybank wins this section, and has received the trophy. Class 3a: Gurney wins, and the silver knight has been forwarded. Class 4: Aston wins, and holds the silver cup for twelve months. H. C. Jago has been asked to forward to Aston, who will acknowledge receipt to us. Class 4b: Marsden and Houghton tie, and each hold the silver cup for six months. The cup has been forwarded to Marsden, who will acknowledge receipt to us. All other trophies have been forwarded and acknowledged.

Matches.—Gossett (England) beat O'Hanlon (Ireland) on board 1, Bussell drew Watson (11), Sifton beat Brooke (17), Jayne beat Purdy (15), Maj. Jones beat Wethers (18), Head drew Weir (19), Punnett lost to Russell (31), A. J. Windybank beat S. E. Manderson (34), Sparke lost to Brett (35), Maris drew Cook (66), Dovan lost to Donnelly (72), Godfrey beat O'Reilly (80), Warren beat Waldren (86). The score now stands 9½ to 5½ in favour of England.

B.C.C.A. v. Newcastle C.C.—1, W. H. Gunston v. L. Zollner; 2, Dr. Macdonald v. G. Beaty; 3, W. M. Bussell v. Barton-Eckett; 4, L. Illingworth v. G. S. Sell; 5, J. D. Chambers v. J. Angle; 6, K. G. Jayne v. T. P. Jones; 7, E. Parsons v. E. W. Carmichael; 8, F. E. Ward v. W. D. Hawdon; 9, Maj. E. M. Jones v. F. Dovey; 10, J. H. Parr v. W. Thompson; 11, G. A. Colborne v. E. S. Jameson; 12, W. T. Ditcham v. J. E. Young; 13, A. Lesser v. A. W. P. Tulip; 14, W. Barker v. A. P. Wilmshurst; 15, P. B. Simeon v. G. T. Davies; 16, G. A. Wilcox v. Dr. H. L. Taylor; 17, W. E. Hollingdale v. G. W. S. Audus; 18, P. Henderson v. Hans Zollner; 19, E. Behrndt v. R. P. Boutland; 20, A. L. Kershaw v. W. Ridsdale; 21, F. M. Martin v. J. Bagnall; 22, Rev. L. C. Seymour v. H. Dowstt.

Newcastle have the move on the odd-numbered boards. Unfinished games must be forwarded for adjudication on May 1st,

to the respective captains, L. Illingworth, "The Ways End," Foxton, Royston, Herts; and E. W. Carmichael, 32 Primrose Hill, Low Fell, Co. Durham.

Semi-final Old Knockout Tourney.—Macdonald beat Armitage, gold medal section.

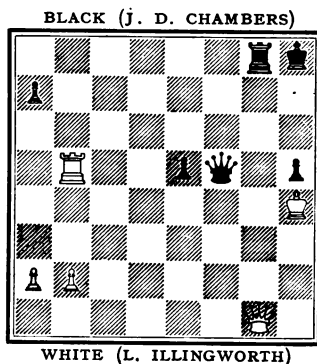
GAME NO. 5.750.

Played in the Trophies Tourney, Class I.

Centre Counter Game.

WHITE		BLACK			
L. ILLINGWORTH	J. D. CHAMBERS			38 R—K 2	38 R—Q 5
1 P—K 4	1 P—Q 4			39 R (B 1)—K 1	39 R—Q 6
2 P×P	2 Q×P			40 Q—Kt 2	40 R—Q 3
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Q—Q R 4			41 K—R 3	41 P—K R 3
4 Kt—K B 3	4 Kt—K B 3			42 P—K R 5	42 R (B 1)—Q 1
5 P—Q 4	5 P—Q B 3			43 R—Q B 1	43 Q—K B 2
6 Kt—K 5	6 P—K 3			44 K—R 4	44 P—Kt 4 ch!
7 Kt—B 4	7 Q—B 2			45 P×P e.p.	45 Q×P
8 B—Q 3	8 Q Kt—Q 2			46 P—K Kt 4	46 K—R 1
9 Q—K 2	9 B—K 2			47 R—Q B 3	47 R—Q 5
10 Castles	10 Castles			48 R—K B 2	48 R—K Kt 1
11 B—Q 2	11 R—K 1			49 R—K Kt 3	49 R×P
12 Q R—Q 1	12 Kt—B 1			50 R×R	50 Q—Kt 4 ch
13 K R—K 1	13 P—Q Kt 4			51 K—R 3	51 Q×R
14 Kt—K 5	14 B—Q 3			52 P×P	52 Q×P ch
15 Kt—K 4	15 Kt×Kt			53 K—R 4 (a)	53 R—Q 1
16 B×Kt	16 B—Kt 2			54 Q—Kt 1	54 P—K 4 (b)
17 P—K Kt 3	17 Q R—B 1			55 R—Kt 4	55 P—K R 4
18 Kt—Q 3	18 P—K B 4			56 R—Q Kt 4 (c)	56 R—K Kt 1
19 B—Kt 2	19 Kt—Q 2			Resigns (d)	
20 P—K B 4	20 P—Q B 4				
21 P×P	21 Kt×P				
22 Kt×Kt	22 B×Kt ch!				
23 K—R 1	23 Q—Kt 3				
24 B—Q B 3	24 P—Kt 5				
25 B—K 5	25 B—B 7				
26 R—K B 1	26 B×B ch				
27 K×B	27 B—B 4				
28 R—B 3	28 Q—B 3				
29 P—K R 4	29 R (K 1)—Q 1				
30 P—B 3	30 P×P				
31 B×P	31 R—Q 4				
32 K—R 2	32 R (B 1)—Q 1				
33 R (B 3)—B 1	33 Q—Q 2				
34 R—Q B 1	34 B—Q 5				
35 B×B	35 R×B				
36 R—Q B 2	36 R—K 5				
37 Q—B 3	37 R—Q B 1				

Position after Black's 56th move.



- (a) K—R 2 better.
 (b) Kills the defence.
 (c) If 56 R—Kt 5, B—Q 5 ch; 57 K×P, Q—R 2 mate. If 57 Q×R, Q×R ch; 58 K×Q, P×Q and wins.
 (d) Forced, for if Q moves Black mates in three.
 A well-played game with a rare interesting end, much above the average of correspondence dullness.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(continued from page 452)

The solutions of competition problems 7 and 8 are as follows. The problems will be found on page 317 of the July number. White's analysis of No. 1 was as follows: "I play 1 P—K 6, and if you do not wish to lose a piece you must reply 1... Q—Kt 1, then 2 R×B, compelling R×R, here follows 3 Q×P ch, and you have the choice of three moves. The worst is 3... Q—Kt 4; 4 B—B 1, a Bishop to the good. If 3... K—R 2; 4 B—B 6, Q R—K 1 (best); 5 Q—R 4 (threatening mate), Q—Kt 5; 6 Q×Q, P×Q; 7 B×R, R×B; 8 R—Q 7 wins. If 5... Q—Kt 3; 6 B×R, Q×P; 7 Q×P ch, K—Kt 2; 8 Q—Kt 5 ch wins. Your best move is 3... K—Kt 3!; 4 B—B 1 (threatening mate) Q—B 1; 5 Q—Kt 5 ch, K—R 2; 6 Q×R P ch, K—Kt 1; 7 B—Kt 2, R—R 2; 8 Q—Kt 6 ch, R—Kt 2; 9 Q×R ch, Q×Q; 10 B×Q, K×B; 11 R—Q 7 wins for if 11... K—B 3; 12 P—K 7 and if 11... K—B 1; 12 P—R 4. On 7... R×P; 8 Q—R 8 ch, K—B 2; 9 Q—R 7 ch, and if 7... R—Kt 2; 8 B×R, Q×B; 9 R—Q 7. If 4... R×P (instead of Q—B 1); 5 Q—Kt 5 ch, K—B 2; 6 R—Q 7 ch, K—B 1; 7 Q×P ch, K—K 1; 8 R—R 7, R—K 2 (best); 9 R×R ch, K×R; 10 B—Kt 5 ch, K—K 1; 11 Q—K 5 and mate in 2. If in this variation 8... R—Q 1; 9 Q×P ch, K—B 1; 10 B—R 6, R×B; 11 Q×R ch, K—K 1; 12 Q—K 3 ch and if 8... R—K 8 ch; 9 K—B 2."

Competition Problem No. 8 was the least difficult of the series, but was given to demonstrate the gaining of a decisive *tempo* by a simple sacrifice. The only possibility Black has of averting immediate catastrophe is by getting his Queen into effective play, and this White prevents by sacrificing his Q P. Thus 1 P—Q 5, P×P; 2 Q—Q 2, Q—Kt 3 ch; 3 R—B 2, Kt—Kt 4; 4 P—R 4, Q—Q 5; 5 P×Kt, Q×P; 6 P—Kt 6, Q—Kt 4; 7 Q×Q, P×Q; 8 Kt×R P wins. If 2... K—Kt 2; 3 Kt×P ch, K—Kt 1; 4 Q×P, P—B 4; 5 P×P *e.p.*, R—B 2 (forced); 6 R—B 3 and Black has no defence. If 1... Kt—Kt 4; 2 P—R 4 wins. If 1... Kt—B 2 or Kt 2; 2 Q—B 4. If 1... K—Kt 2; 2 Kt×R P ch and 3 P×Kt.

The list of solvers, marks and remarks on these solutions must be held over till next month. The solutions of Senior problems Nos. 27 and 28 (wrongly also numbered 27) given on pages 364 and 365 of the August number are for No. 27. Alekhine's defence played between Iljin-Genewski and Grünfeld was continued 16 Q R—Q 1, Kt—B 4; 17 P—B 5, B—R 2; 18 R—B 3, Kt (Kt 3)—Q 2; 19 R (Q 1)—K B 1, P—Q R 3; 20 R—Kt 3, K—R 1 and Black eventually won. Better was 16 P—B 5, followed by R—B 3 and Q R—K B 1. As to the opening play better was 5 P—K B 4; 6... Kt—B 3 is unusual. It is better than B—K 2. Opocenski *v.* Grünfeld went 6 B—Q 3, Kt—B 3; 7 B—K 3, Kt—Kt 5!; 8 Q—B 3 is better. If 8... Q—B 1; 9 P—B 5, P×P; 10 P×P, Kt—K 4; 11 Q—B 4.

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Only 12 solvers from Juniors, and 15 from Seniors this month, which gives a total of 27 from some 2,000 subscribers. This is not worth the time and trouble these pages cause me, and in its place I am hoping to give some articles on the openings, which I hope may be more popular. I much appreciate all the kindness and courtesy I have met from all the regular solvers, and for their encouraging remarks, without which indeed I should have discontinued some time ago.

I regret to observe that my eyesight was at fault, and I had not seen that the printer had placed a Pawn on Q 2 in Problem No. 29. It does not affect the solution, but as it has put certain solvers off, I will withhold solutions until next month, and therefore they will have till November 30th before time expires.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

GAME NO. 5,751.

Played in the ninth round of the tournament at Spa. Notes by Sir G. A. Thomas.

French Defence (McCutcheon).

WHITE
SIR G. A. THOMAS

- 1 P—K 4
2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—Q B 3
4 B—K Kt 5
5 P—K 5

The alternative lines—5 P×P or 5 K Kt—K 2—seem to be more popular nowadays. But the text-move leads to a very interesting type of game.

- 6 B—Q 2
7 P×B

If 7 B×B, there might follow 7... Kt—K 5; 8 B—Kt 4, P—Q B 4; 9 B×P, Kt×B; 10 P×Kt, Q—B 2; 11 Kt—B 3, Kt—Q 2.

- 7 Kt—K 5

BLACK
A. TACKELS

- 1 P—K 3
2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—Kt 5

- 8 Q—Kt 4 8 P—K Kt 3

.....There have been many fluctuations of favour between this and the alternative 8... K—B 1.

- 9 P—K R 4 9 P—Q B 4
10 B—Q 3 10 Kt×B
11 K×Kt 11 Q—K 2

.....Blocking the Pawns by 11... P—B 5 has been tried frequently; but any chances Black may then have on the Queen's wing seem hardly sufficient compensation for his weakness on the other side of the board. More natural would be 11... Kt—B 3; but the text-move threatens 12... P×P; 13 P×P, Q—Kt 5 ch; (if) 14 P—B 3, Q—Kt 7 ch.

- 12 Kt—B 3

A doubtful move. It protects the Queen's Rook against the

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Only 12 solvers from Juniors, and 15 from Seniors this month, which gives a total of 27 from some 2,000 subscribers. This is not worth the time and trouble these pages cause me, and in its place I am hoping to give some articles on the openings, which I hope may be more popular. I much appreciate all the kindness and courtesy I have met from all the regular solvers, and for their encouraging remarks, without which indeed I should have discontinued some time ago.

I regret to observe that my eyesight was at fault, and I had not seen that the printer had placed a Pawn on Q 2 in Problem No. 29. It does not affect the solution, but as it has put certain solvers off, I will withhold solutions until next month, and therefore they will have till November 30th before time expires.

GAME DEPARTMENT.

GAME NO. 5,751.

Played in the ninth round of the tournament at Spa. Notes by Sir G. A. Thomas.

French Defence (McCutcheon).

WHITE
SIR G. A. THOMAS

- 1 P—K 4
2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—Q B 3
4 B—K Kt 5
5 P—K 5

The alternative lines—5 P×P or 5 K Kt—K 2—seem to be more popular nowadays. But the text-move leads to a very interesting type of game.

- 6 B—Q 2
7 P×B

If 7 B×B, there might follow 7... Kt—K 5; 8 B—Kt 4, P—Q B 4; 9 B×P, Kt×B; 10 P×Kt, Q—B 2; 11 Kt—B 3, Kt—Q 2.

- 7 Kt—K 5

BLACK
A. TACKELS

- 1 P—K 3
2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—K B 3
4 B—Kt 5

- 8 Q—Kt 4 8 P—K Kt 3

.....There have been many fluctuations of favour between this and the alternative 8... K—B 1.

- 9 P—K R 4 9 P—Q B 4
10 B—Q 3 10 Kt×B
11 K×Kt 11 Q—K 2

.....Blocking the Pawns by 11... P—B 5 has been tried frequently; but any chances Black may then have on the Queen's wing seem hardly sufficient compensation for his weakness on the other side of the board. More natural would be 11... Kt—B 3; but the text-move threatens 12... P×P; 13 P×P, Q—Kt 5 ch; (if) 14 P—B 3, Q—Kt 7 ch.

- 12 Kt—B 3

A doubtful move. It protects the Queen's Rook against the

above mentioned threat ; but the Knight is not well placed.

12 Kt—B 3

13 P—R 5

Also questionable ; the idea, of course, is to provide the White Knight with a strong post at K Kt 4, but the immediate result is to limit the action of the White Queen.

14 Kt—R 2 13 P—K Kt 4
14 R—K Kt 1

..... Unnecessary. It would be better to play B—Q 2 at once.

15 B—Kt 5 15 B—Q 2
16 QR—Q Kt 1 16 R—Q B 1
17 B×Kt 17 B×B
18 P×P

White's last few moves have been designed to free his Queen, which was otherwise tied to the defence of his Queen's Pawn. The text-move leaves his Queen's side Pawns badly broken ; but there is compensation in the strong position of his Queen at Q 4.

18 Q×P
19 Q—Q 4 19 Q—R 4
20 Kt—Kt 4 20 R—K R 1

..... Now the unnecessary 14th move involves further loss of time.

21 R—R 3 21 B—Kt 4

..... If 21... Q×R P ; 22 Q—Kt 4 (not 22 Q—B 5, Q×P ch !), threatening mate in 3, with an overwhelming attack.

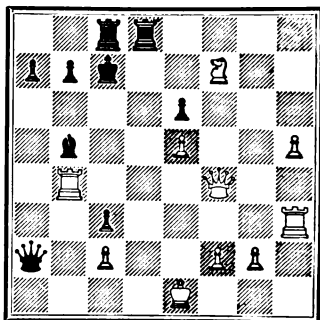
22 R—Kt 4 22 K—K 2
23 Q—K 3 23 K R—Q 1

..... The commencement of an ingenious combination. It is not quite sound, but the position calls for energetic action, on account of the White threats—Kt×P, R—B 3, etc.

24 Kt×P 24 P—Q 5
25 Q×Kt P ch 25 K—Q 2
26 Q—B 4 26 K—B 2
27 Kt×B P 27 P×P ch
28 K—K 1 28 Q×P

Position after 28... Q×P.

BLACK (TACKLES)



WHITE (THOMAS)

29 Q—B 1

White, who was very pressed for time, feared the complications arising from 29 R×B. It appears, however, that he could safely have made the capture. If then 29... Q—R 8 ch (or 29... Q×P ; 30 Kt×R, R×Kt ; 31 Q—B 7 ch, R—Q 2 ; 32 R×P ch) ; 30 K—K 2, the Black checks with Queen or Rook seem to lead to nothing. Black could regain the piece by 30... Q—Q 8 ch ; 31 K—K 3, Q—Q 7 ch ; 32 K—B 3, Q×Q ch ; 33 K×Q, R—B 1—but the ending would obviously be lost.

29 Q—Q 4
30 R×P ch

And here again 30 Kt×R was doubtless better, though after 30... R×Kt ; 31 R×P ch, K—Kt 1, the excellent position of the Black pieces would to some extent compensate for the lost material.

30 K—Kt 1
31 R×R ch 31 R×R
32 Q—Q 1

Not 22 Q—Q 2, Q×Kt P ; 23 R×B, Q—R 8 ch ; 24 K—K 2, Q×P ch.

32 Q×Kt P

..... The only chance. If 32... Q—B 3 ; 33 Q—Q 6 ch wins easily.

- 33 R×B 33 Q—Kt 8 ch 39 R×Kt
If now 33.., Q—R 8 ch,
 34 K—Q 2. 40 R—Kt 8 ch 40 K—R 2
 34 K—K 2 34 Q—Kt 5 ch 41 Q—K Kt ch 41 P—Kt 3
 35 P—B 3 35 Q—Kt 7 ch 42 R—Q R 8 ch 42 K×R
 36 K—Q 3 36 P—R 3 If 42.., K—Kt 2; 43
If 36.., R—B 1 at once,
 37 K—K 4 wins easily. R—Q Kt 8 ch forces the capture.
 37 R—Kt 4 37 R—B 1 43 Q—Kt 8 ch 43 K—Kt 2
 38 R—Kt 4 38 Q—R 6 44 Q×R ch 44 K—B 3
If 38.., Q—R 7, then
 39 K—K 4, R×Kt; 40 R—
 Kt 8 ch, K—R 2; 41 Q—Kt 1 ch.
 exchanging Queens and winning.
 39 K—K 4 45 Q—Kt 6 45 Q—R 5 ch
 Leading to a curious variation. 46 K—Q 3 46 K—Q 4
46.., Q—Q 1 ch is no
 better.
 47 P—R 6 47 K×P
 48 P—R 7 48 Q—R 8
 49 Q—Kt 7 ch 49 K—Q 4
 50 Q—Q 7 ch 50 K—B 4
 51 Q—Q 4 ch 51 Resigns

GAME NO. 5,752.

Played in the final round of the Tournament at Spa. Notes
 by E. Colle.

French Defence.

WHITE
 SIR G. A. THOMAS

BLACK
 M. VARLIN

by .., Q—K R 4, and the chances
 for both players are quite equal.

- 1 P—K 4 1 P—K 3
 2 P—Q 4 2 P—Q 4
 3 Kt—Q B 3 3 Kt—K B 3
 4 B—K Kt 5 4 P×P
 5 Kt×P 5 Q Kt—Q 2
 6 Kt—K B 3 6 B—K 2
 7 Kt×Kt ch 7 Kt×Kt
 8 B—Q 3 8 P—Q Kt 3

- 12 Kt—K 5 12 Q—B 2
 13 Q—K 3!

Very finely played: White
 conducts the attack in good style.
 The plausible move, 13 P—K B 4
 would not be so strong as the text
 move, which threatens Q—K R 3,
 compelling Black to weaken the
 King's position.

.....Recommended by the
Handbuch as the best defence,
 bringing out the Bishop into a
 good position.

- 9 Castles 9 B—Kt 2
 10 Q—K 2 10 Castles
 11 Q R—Q 1 11 P—B 3?

- 13 Kt—Q 4
 14 Q—K R 3 14 P—Kt 3
 15 B—R 6 15 K R—K 1
 16 K R—K 1

Threatening 17 Kt×K B P!

- 16 B—K B 1
 17 P—Q B 4 17 Kt—B 3

.....A very bad move, giving
 Black at once an inferior game.
 Of course his position is difficult
 owing to the position of the Queen,
 but not critical at all. The proper
 move was 11.., P—K R 3, and
 after 12 B—R 4, Q—Q 4, followed

.....Almost the only move.
 If 17.., Kt—K 2 then still 18
 Kt×K B P; and if 17.., B×B
 the White attack on the Black
 squares will win easily.

18 B—B 4! 18 Kt—R 4?

Position after 18.., Kt R 4.

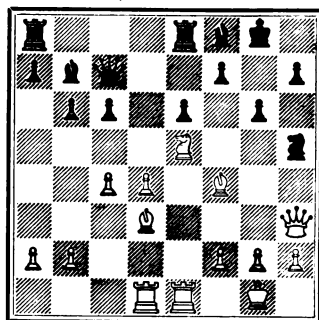
.....This loses at once, but the defence is rather difficult, owing to the bad position of nearly all pieces and it seems in fact that Black is lost in any case, *e.g.*, 18.., B—Q 3; 19 P—B 5, etc., if 18.., Q—K 2; 19 B—Kt 5 pinning the Knight will win. The finish is very prettily played by Sir Geo. Thomas.

(See Diagram)

19 Kt×K KtP! 19 Kt×B
20 Kt—K 7 ch 20 Resigns

.....For after 20.., K—Kt 2;
21 Q×P ch, K—B 3; 22 Kt—Kt 8 ch, K—Kt 4; 23 R—K 5 ch, P—B 4; 24 R×P ch will be terrible!

BLACK (VARLIN)



WHITE (THOMAS)

GAME No. 5,753.

Played in a simultaneous exhibition at Toronto in April last.
Notes by J.H.B.

Queens' Pawn Game, Indian Defence.

WHITE DR. E. LASKER BLACK J. S. MORRISON

1 P—Q B 4 1 Kt—K B 3
2 P—Q 4 2 P—K Kt 3
3 Kt—Q B 3 3 B—Kt 2
4 P—K 4 4 P—Q 3
5 P—B 4 5 Castles
6 Kt—B 3

6 B—K 2 or 6 P—K R 3 are generally regarded as better; the motive of the second of these moves would be to meet an attack on the Queen's Pawn with B—K 3, and hold the centre in the manner of the Sicilian.

6 Q Kt—Q 2

.....This has been superseded latterly by more aggressive lines; either 6.., P—B 4, and if 7 P×P, then .., Q—R 4; or else 6.., P—K 4; 7 Q P×P, P×P; 8 Q×Q, R×Q; 9 Kt×P, R—K 1. For the latter see Game No. 5,546 B.C.M., 1925.

7 B—K 2 7 R—K 1?

.....A very weak line, as he requires K 1 for his Knight in case of 8 P—K 5. The right move was .., P—B 4.

8 P—K 5! 8 Kt—Kt 5
9 P—K 6! 9 Q Kt—B 3

.....9.., P×P loses a piece by 10 Kt—K Kt 5! In a game with another opponent on the same occasion this actually happened, with the continuation 9.., P×P; 10 Kt—K Kt 5 Q Kt—B 3; 11 B×Kt Kt×B; 12 Q×Kt, P—K 4; 13 Q—R 4? P—K R 3, and White, perhaps over-confident after winning a piece, made several weak moves, allowing Black to consolidate a Pawn centre which eventually carried him to victory.

10 P×P ch 10 K×P
11 P—K R 3 11 Kt—R 3
12 P—K Kt 4 12 K Kt—K 1

13 Kt—Kt 5 ch 13 K—B 1
 14 Q—Q 3 14 P—K 3
 15 B—Q 2

The sacrificial line 15 Kt×P ch; Kt×Kt; 16 Q×P, Q Kt—B 3; 17 P—Kt 5, would now miscarry because of 17... Kt—K 2, driving back the Queen,

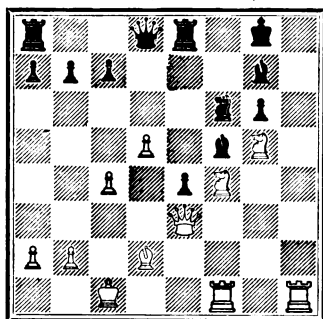
16 Castles Q R 15 Kt—K 2
 17 P—K R 4 16 Kt—B 3

Tempting to a simultaneous player, but lending itself to counter-attack. In a single-handed game Dr. Lasker would be likely to prefer some such line as 17 B—K 1 with B—R 4 to follow.

18 B P×P 17 P—K 4
 19 P—Q 5 18 P×P
 20 Q R—B 1 19 Kt—Q 5
 21 P—R 5 20 K—Kt 1
 22 Kt×Kt 21 Kt×B ch
 23 Q—K 3 22 P—K 5
 24 P×P 23 B×P
 25 Kt—B 4 24 P×P
 25 B—B 4

Position after 25... B—B 4.

BLACK (MORRISON)



WHITE (LASKER)

26 B—B 3

This leaves a singular weakness on the long diagonal upon which his King stands, and Black takes

very ingenious advantage of it 26 Q Kt—K 6, B×Kt; 27 Kt×B, R×Kt (he dare not allow 28 Kt×B with 29 B—B 3 to follow); 28 P×R, Q—Q 3; 29 B—B 3, and 30 Q—Kt 5, would be likely to yield White a winning advantage. Also 26 Q R—Kt 1 is a very difficult move for Black to meet.

27 Q—R 3 26 Kt—Kt 5!
 28 K Kt—K 6 27 B—R 3!

The sacrifice 28 Q×B, Kt×Q, 29 R×Kt yields only a draw by perpetual check, because of 29... Q×Kt, pinning White's remaining Knight.

29 P×R 28 R×Kt
 29 Q—Kt 4

.....Now indispensable to prevent the same sacrifice yielding White a win.

30 K—Kt 1 30 P—K 6 ch
 31 K—R 1 31 R—Q 1
 32 Kt—Q 5

32 P—K 7, R—K 1 (not ... Q×P; 33 Kt×P, B×Kt; 34 Q×Kt and wins); 33 Kt—Q 5, P—K 7; 34 R—K 1, P—B 3, is not advantageous to White.

32 P—K 7
 33 R—K 1
 33 R—Q B 1 is necessary.

34 P×R 33 R×Kt!
 34 Kt—K 6!

.....At this point *Le Pion* breaks off the score with "drawn by perpetual check"; but Black has in fact a winning game. Any other move for White than 35 Q×K B is immediately fatal; but there then follows 35... Kt—B 7 ch; 36 K—Kt 1, Kt×R ch; 37 K—R 1, Kt—B 7 ch; 38 K—Kt 1, P—K 8, Q ch; 39 B×Q, Kt×B ch; 40 K—R 1, Kt—B 7 ch; 41 K—Kt 1, Kt—Kt 5 ch; 42 K—R 1, Q×Q; 43 R×Q, Kt×Q P and wins.

GAME No. 5,754.

A consultation game played during the recent congress at Hanover (see p. 415). Notes by J. H. B.

Muzio Gambit.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|------------|-----------------|
| F. SÄMISCH | GÜNTER SCHUBERT |
| LOTTGE and | WAHNSCHAFFE |
| WARNECKE | and DR. SCHOTT |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 P—K B 4 | 2 P×P |
| 3 Kt—K B 3 | 3 P—K Kt 4 ? |
| 4 B—B 4 | 4 P—Kt 5 |
| 5 Castles | 5 P×Kt |
| 6 Q×P | |

The opening to this point was an agreed one by request of one of the consultants.

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 7 P—K 5 | 6 Q—B 3 |
| 8 P—Q 3 | 7 Q×P |
| 9 Kt—B 3 | 8 B—R 3 |
| 10 B—Q 2 | 9 Kt—K 2 |
| 10... Q Kt—B 3 is the | 10 P—Q B 3 |
| right move according to the author- | |
| ities. | |
| 11 Q R—K 1 | 11 Q—B 4 ch |
| 12 K—R 1 | 12 P—Q 4 |
| 13 Q—R 5 | 13 Q—Q 3 |
| 14 B×Q P | |

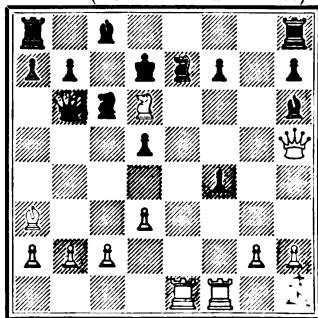
For another example of the opening to this point with the continuation (admittedly weaker) 14 Kt—K 4, see game No. 5,376, April, 1925.

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| 15 Kt—Kt 5 | 14 P×B |
| 16 B—Kt 4 | 15 Q—Q Kt 3 |
| 17 Kt—Q 6 ch | 16 Q Kt—B 3 |
| 18 B—R 3 | 17 K—Q 2 |

This quiet move is held to be

the key of the new line of attack ; the White allies took 55 minutes to find it !

Position after 18 B—R 3.
BLACK (GÜNTER and ALLIES)



WHITE (SÄMISCH and ALLIES)

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|--|------------|
| 19 Q—Kt 4 ch | 18 B—Kt 2 |
| 20 Q×P | 19 K—B 2 |
| If 20 Q×B, Kt—Kt 3 ; 21 Q×P ch, B—Q 2, and Black is out of danger. | |
| 21 R×B | 20 B—K 4 |
| 22 Q×Kt | 21 Kt×R |
| 23 Q—Kt 3 | 22 Kt—Kt 3 |
| Herr Nimzowitch afterwards pointed out that 23 Kt—Kt 5 ch was immediately conclusive ; for if 23... K—B 3 ; 24 R—B 6 ch, K×Kt ; 25 Q×P ch, and mate is forced. | |
| 24 Kt—B 4 ch | 23 Q—B 3 |
| 25 Q—Kt 5 ch | 24 K—Q 1 |
| 26 Kt—K 5 | 25 K—B 2 |
| 27 R×P ch | 26 Q—K 3 |
| 28 R—B 6 | 27 K—Kt 1 |
| 29 Q×Q ch | 28 Q×Kt |
| 30 B—Q 6 mate | 29 Kt×Q |

Herr Samisch remarks that as one of the "decadent moderns" he found during the course of the game no little difficulty in setting about the problems presented by a Muzio Gambit.

GAME NO. 5,755.

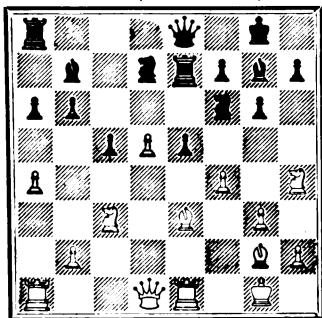
Played in the Tournament at Budapest. Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE	BLACK
DR. A. VAJDA	M. MONTICELLI
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—Q Kt 3
3 P—B 4	3 P—K 3
4 P—K Kt 3	4 B—Kt 2
5 B—Kt 2	5 P—B 4
6 P—Q 5	6 P×P
7 Kt—R 4	7 P—K Kt 3

Position after 16... P×P.

BLACK (MONTICELLI)



WHITE (VAJDA)

17 P—Q 6 17 B×B
18 P×R

White would do better to retain the attack in his own hands at the expense of a Pawn, thus: 18 K×B, R—K 3; 19 P—B 5, P×P; 20 Kt×P, with good prospects
18 B—Kt 2

19 P×P

A dangerous capture, which enables Black to bring up all his minor pieces to the assault. He had apparently nothing better than 19 P—K R 3, which, by preventing .., Kt—Kt 5, frees his Queen, and enables him to play afterwards Kt—B 3.

19 Kt×P

20 Q—Q 6

Also weak, as exposing the Queen to attack. 20 B—B 4 was correct, as Black cannot reply 20... K Kt—Kt 5 on account of 21 P—K R 3. White has now a losing game.

20 K Kt—Kt 5

21 B—B 4

21 Kt—B 5

22 Q—B 7

22 B—Q 5 ch

23 K—B 1

23 Kt×P ch

24 K—K 2

24 B—Q B 3

25 K—Q 3

25 R—B 1

.....For a previous example of this variation see Game No. 5,707, Winter v. Romih (August). Probably Black's best line is 7... Q—B 1 compelling White to play 8 P×P; but 7... Kt—R 3 as played by M. Romih has good points. The text-move is premature.

8 Castles

Now White should play 8 Kt—Q B 3, intending Kt×P, and keeping the Queen's file open; Black cannot defeat this intention by 8... B—K 2, because then 9 Kt—B 5!; he would have therefore to forego the fianchetto development of his King's Bishop in order to retain command of his Q 3 square.

8 B—Kt 2

9 P×P

9 Castles

10 Kt—Q B 3

10 P—Q 3!

11 P—K 4

11 Q Kt—Q 2

12 P—B 4

12 R—K 1

13 R—K 1

13 P—Q R 3

.....To permit 14 Kt—Kt 5 would be very uncomfortable for Black.

14 P—R 4

14 R—K 2

.....Initiating a plan for giving up the Exchange, in order to get rid of White's Pawn centre, and obtain a counter-attack with the two Bishops.

15 P—K 5

15 Q—K 1

16 B—K 3

16 P×P!

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|--|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| 26 Q—R 7 | 26 P—Q Kt 4 | 34 K—Kt 1 | 33 B×P ch! |
| 27 P—Kt 3 | 27 Kt—Kt 7 ch | 35 B×P at B 3 | 34 Q—Kt 4! |
| 28 K—B 2 | 28 Kt—Kt 5 | 36 K—Kt 2 | 35 Q—Q 6 ch |
| 29 K×Kt | 29 P—Kt 5 | 37 K—R 3 | 36 Q—B 7 ch |
| 30 B—Q 2 | 30 Kt—B 7 | 38 P—K8, Q.ch | 37 Q×B! |
| 31 K—R 2 | 31 P×Kt | 39 R×R ch | 38 R×Q |
| 32 B—K 3 | 32 B×P! | 40 R—K 3 | 39 K—Kt 2 |
| Commencing the final
storming operation, worked out
with beautiful accuracy.. | | 41 K—Kt 2 | 40 Q×K R |
| 33 B×B | | 42 K—Kt 1 | 41 Q—Q 5 ch |
| 33 P×B leaves mate in three. | | Resigns | 42 Kt—Q 6 |

GAME NO. 5,756.

Played in a special opening tournament at New York. Notes by J.H.B.

Evans' Gambit.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|--------------|----------------|
| A. S. PINKUS | F. J. MARSHALL |
| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—B 4 | 3 B—B 4 |
| 4 P—Q Kt 4 | 4 B×P |
| 5 Castles | |

These opening moves were compulsory. It is a matter of very old book that the Evans Gambit is unsound if White castles earlier than the 6th move.

- 5 Kt—K B 3!
- 6 P—Q 4

If now 6 P—B 3, B—K 2!, 7 P—Q 4, P—Q 3 or Castles, and White has not enough attack for his Pawn.

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|------------|----------|
| 7 P—B 3 | 6 P×P |
| 8 P—K 5 | 7 P×P |
| 9 B—Q Kt 5 | 8 P—Q 4 |
| | 9 Kt—Q 2 |

.....Better than 9.., Kt—K 5 as played by some of the competitors; White then continues 10 Q—R 4, B—K 2; 11 B×Kt ch, P×B; 12 Q×P ch, B—Q 2; 13 Q×Q P, and the Black Knight has to be moved again.

- 10 Q×P

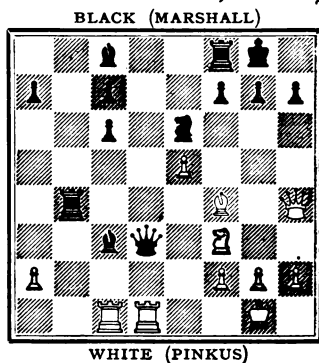
10 Q—R 4 is still playable; White recovers his Pawns if he so chooses, but has nothing much in the way of position left afterwards.

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| 11 B×Kt | 10 Castles |
| 12 Q—K 4 | 11 P×B |
| 13 B—Kt 5 | 12 R—Kt 1 |
| 14 Q—R 4 | 13 Kt—B 4 |

14 Q—K 3 was certainly safer; the reply to the text-move is crushing.

- 14 Q—Q 6!
- 15 Kt×P
- In despair of getting the Knight out safely, as Black threatened 15.., B—R 3, followed by 16.., P—B 7 and 17.., B—B 6.
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|------------|-----------|
| 16 Q R—B 1 | 15 B×Kt |
| 17 B—B 4 | 16 R—Kt 5 |
| 18 K R—Q 1 | 17 Kt—K 3 |

Position after 18.., K R—Q 1.



19 R×Q	18 Kt×B!	21 Q×Kt	21 B×P!
20 Q—Kt 5	19 Kt×R	22 Kt×B	22 B—B 4!
	20 Kt×R	Resigns	

 GAME NO. 5,757.

 Played in the tournament at Bad Bartfield. Notes by J.H.B.

Four Knights.

WHITE	BLACK
A. MATTISON	B. KOSTICH
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 Kt—B 3	3 Kt—B 3
4 B—Kt 5	4 B—Kt 5
5 Castles	5 Castles
6 P—Q 3	6 P—Q 3
7 B—Kt 5	7 Kt—K 2

.....The defence by 7... B×Kt; 8 P×B, Q—K 2; 9 R—K 1, Kt—Q 1, much in favour in the early years of this century but supposed to have been demolished by Teichmann's method of returning the two White Bishops to their original squares is now again in vogue.

8 B—Q B 4

White has nothing better in this variation than the orthodox 8 Kt—K R 4.

8 P—B 3

.....Black could now get a good game by 8... B×Kt; 9 P×B, Kt—Kt 3. After the text-move he cannot prevent White eventually playing P—K B 4.

9 Kt—K 2	9 Kt—Kt 3
10 P—B 3	10 B—R 4
11 Kt—R 4	11 Kt×Kt

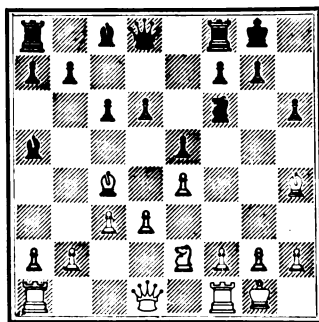
.....11... P—Q 4 was now the best counter-stroke to White's prospective advance.

12 B×Kt 12 P—K R 3

.....Intended to intimidate White out of 13 P—K B 4; but White refuses to be frightened.

Position after 12... P—K R 3.

BLACK (KOSTICH)



WHITE (MATTISON)

13 P—K B 4!	13 B P×P
14 Kt×P!	14 P—Q Kt 4

.....For if 14... P—K Kt 4; 15 Kt—R 5 (not 15 Kt—Kt 6) gives White a marked superiority of position, as Black dare not exchange Knights, and must therefore retreat 15... Kt—R 2.

15 B—Kt 3	15 Q—Kt 3 ch
16 P—Q 4	16 B—K Kt 5

.....Not 16... Kt×P; 17 Kt—Kt 6!

17 Q—Q 3	17 P—K Kt 4
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.....Immediately disastrous; but his game is soon lost whatever he may do.

18 Kt—Kt 6	18 Kt×P
19 Q×Kt	Resigns

Games played in the Major Open tournament at Edinburgh.

GAME No. 5,758.

Queen's Pawn Game (Dutch Defence).

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
W. ATKINSON	E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI			W. ATKINSON	E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKI		
1 P—Q 4		1 P—K B 4		17 K—B 1		17 Kt—K 4	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K 3		18 Kt×Kt		18 Q×Kt	
3 Kt—Q B 3		3 Kt—Q B 3		19 P—Q Kt 3		19 Q R—Q 1	
4 Kt—B 3		4 B—K 2		20 P—B 4		20 Q—B 4	
5 B—Kt 5		5 Castles		21 Q—B 2		21 Q—K 3	
6 P—K 3		6 P—Q Kt 3		22 P—K R 4		22 P—Q 4	
7 R—B 1		7 B—Kt 2		23 P—B 5		23 Q—K 4	
8 B—Q 3		8 K—R 1		24 P—K Kt 4		24 Q—K 6	
9 B×Kt		9 B×B		25 R—R 2		25 Q—K B 6 ch	
10 P—K 4		10 P—B 4		26 R—B 2		26 Q—R 8 ch	
11 P—Q 5		11 P×K P		27 Kt—Kt 1		27 B—Q 5	
12 B×P		12 P×P		28 R—Kt 2		28 B×Kt	
13 B×P		13 R—K 1 ch		29 R×B		29 Q—B 6 ch	
14 Kt—K 2		14 B×B		30 Q—B 2		30 Q—Q 6 ch	
15 Q×B		15 Kt—B 3		31 K—Kt 2		31 R—K 7	
16 Q—Q 2		16 Q—K 2		Resigns			

GAME No. 5,759.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
G. W. MOSES	J. A. J. DREWITT			G. W. MOSES	J. A. J. DREWITT		
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3		13 Kt×Kt		13 B×Kt	
2 Kt—K B 3		2 P—Q 4		14 P—K R 3		14 B—Q 2	
3 P—B 4		3 P—B 4		15 P×P		15 P×P	
4 P—K 3		4 P—K 3		16 K R—Q 1		16 Q R—B 1	
5 Kt—B 3		5 Kt—B 3		17 Q R—B 1		17 B—Kt 1	
6 B—Q 3		6 B—Q 3		18 Kt—Kt 5		18 Kt—K 5	
7 Castles		7 Castles		19 R×R		19 R×R	
8 P—Q R 3		8 Q—K 2		20 R—Q B 1		20 R×R ch	
9 P×B P		9 B×P		21 B×R		21 B×Kt	
10 P—Q Kt 4		10 B—Q 3		22 B×B		22 Q—B 2	
11 B—Kt 2		11 R—Q 1		23 Q—K 1		23 Kt—B 6	
12 Q—K 2		12 Kt—K 4		24 P—B 4		24 Kt×B and wins	

GAME No. 5,760.

Queen's Pawn Game (Budapest Defence).

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
S. G. HOWELL-SMITH		J. A. J. DREWITT		S. G. HOWELL-SMITH		J. A. J. DREWITT	
1 P—Q 4		1 Kt—K B 3		6 Kt—K B 3		6 B—Kt 5 ch	
2 P—Q B 4		2 P—K 4		7 Kt—B 3		7 Q—K 2	
3 P×P		3 Kt—Kt 5		8 B—Q 3		8 B×Kt ch	
4 P—K 4		4 Kt×KP		9 P×B		9 Kt—R 3	
5 P—B 4		5 K Kt—B 3		10 Castles		10 Kt—B 4	

11 B—B 2	11 P—Q 3	20 B—B 4	20 R—K 5
12 Kt—Q 4	12 Castles	21 P—B 5	21 Q R—K 1
13 Kt×Kt	13 P×Kt	22 P×P	22 P×P
14 Q—Q 4	14 R—K 1	23 B×P	23 Q×B
15 P—B 5	15 Kt×P	24 Q×P ch	24 K—R 1
16 P—B 6	16 P×P	25 Q R—Q 1	25 Q—B 4 ch
17 B×Kt	17 Q×B	26 K—R 1	26 B—Kt 5
18 Q×B P.	18 Q—Kt 3	Drawn by perpetual check.	
19 Q—B 3	19 B—Q 2		

GAME No. 5,761.

Played in a match by telegraph between Otago and Wellington, N.Z., on 26th July last.

Two Knights' Defence.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
O. BALK		R. J. BARNES,		O. BALK,		R. J. BARNES,	
O.C.C.		W.C.C.		O.C.C.		W.C.C.	
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4	10 Kt—Kt 1	10 B—Q 3				
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3	11 P—Q 3	11 Castles				
3 B—B 4	3 Kt—B 3	12 P×P	12 Kt×P				
4 Kt—Kt 5	4 P—Q 4	13 B—K 3	13 B—R 3				
5 P×P	5 Kt—Q R 4	14 Kt—K B 3	14 Q—B 2				
6 B—Kt 5 ch	6 P—B 3	15 Q Kt—Q 2	15 K R—K 1				
7 P×P	7 P×P	16 P—B 3	16 Kt×Q B P !				
8 B—R 4 ?	8 P—K R 3	Resigns					
9 Kt—K B 3	9 P—K 5	For if 17 P×Kt, R×B ch !; 18 P×R, B—Kt 6 ch, etc.					

GAME No. 5,762.

Played by correspondence at board No. 1 in the match between England and Ireland.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE		BLACK		WHITE		BLACK	
THOROLD GOSSET		J. J. O'HANLON		THOROLD GOSSET		J. J. O'HANLON	
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4	12 B×P	12 P—Q Kt 4				
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—K 3	13 B—R 2	13 B—Kt 2				
3 Kt—Q B 3	3 Kt—K B 3	14 B—Kt 1	14 P—B 4				
4 B—Kt 5	4 Q Kt—Q 2	15 P×P	15 Kt×P				
5 P—K 3	5 B—K 2	16 R—Q 1	16 Q—Kt 3				
6 Kt—B 3	6 Castles	17 B—K 5	17 Q R—B 1				
7 R—B 1	7 P—B 3	18 B—Q 4	18 P—Kt 5				
8 Q—B 2	8 R—K 1	19 P×P	19 Q×P				
9 P—Q R 3	9 P—K R 3	20 Castles	20 Kt—Kt 6 ?				
10 B—R 4	10 P—R 3	21 B×Kt	21 B×B				
11 B—Kt 3	11 P×P	Mates in three					

PROBLEM WORLD

By B. G. LAWS.

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THE BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting took place as announced on the 16th ult., when the recommendations of the Committee who met in September were approved. Naturally the proceedings were in part formal, *i.e.*, the election of officers, etc. A few changes were made, chiefly the appointment of Mr. W. E. Lester and Mr. Douglas as hon. secretaries in the stead of the Rev. N. Bonavia Hunt and Mr. D. Pirnie respectively, the latter two being obliged by other calls to ask for relief, though willing to continue their interest in a modified way. One or two alterations in the Committee, consequent upon these retirements, were made and Mr. G. F. Anderson was voted as hon. auditor. Mr. B. G. Laws was elected for the ninth year in succession president. The principal subjects outside the matters of the secretary's Report and treasurer's Accounts were the consideration of the society's Library which it is intended to transfer permanently to St. Bride's Institute, since Mr. W. J. Clark, the librarian, considers that it will be of more service to the members if housed at their abode, than at present under his charge. For this purpose a fund has been started to defray the expense of providing a bookcase towards which £3 has been promised to meet an estimate of about £10, as it is desired the funds of the Society should be spared as much as possible, seeing that *The Problemist*, now a great feature of the Society, makes a considerable call on its income. If any member is sufficiently interested the hon. secretary would be pleased to acknowledge a contribution or promise of such. It was decided to make *The Problemist* a bi-monthly publication instead of a quarterly one, as in the past year. This means that members, wherever located, will be supplied with regular information concerning the Society as well as original matter, as to which the editor, Mr. T. R. Dawson has open arms for new problems and the like. Address: 38 Whitehall Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

A very important matter was dealt with concerning the projected International Chess Problem Society. Mr. Dawson reported the steps that had been taken by himself and Mr. C. S. Kipping with a view to supporting the movement and it was unanimously resolved that the B.C.P.S. should co-operate. It appeared there were about a dozen bodies which had expressed the desire to become associated with the new organisation and the time may not be long before some tangible proposition will be presented for consideration.

Problem composers and solvers desirous of joining the B.C.P. Society can communicate with the hon. secretary, Mr. W. E. Lester, 104 Chapman Road, Victoria Park, E.9, who will be pleased to furnish full particulars. We should mention the yearly subscription of 5/- includes the bi-monthly issues of *The Problemist*.

Mr. D. Pirnie is scheduled to give a lecture entitled "A few Reminiscences" on Friday, the 26th inst., at St. Bride's Institute. A welcome will be accorded to all who are interested.

THE IDEAL MATE.—Mr. G. Stillingfleet Johnson, one of our esteemed correspondents and indefatigable solvers, contributed last August to *The Pittsburgh Post* an interesting article under the above heading, illustrated by ten examples. It seems, however, to be little more than a clipped outline of the suggestions made by Mr. C. H. Brockelbank which we gave in our pages March, April and May, 1924. Mr. Johnson has modified some of the particulars in Mr. Brockelbank's contribution not quite consistent with the general idea. For instance he does not attach a constant potentiality to the pieces, but varies their assumed degrees of power according to their position in relation to the mating-field. Thus, though he accords the Queen a six square power in the King's field he says that with Black King say at b 7, the White Queen, giving mate on h 1 is exerting her maximum *diagonal* power and that suffices! The unit measure, however, is the whole King's field and not part thereof. Such a system would embody the contention that a Queen doing the work of a Bishop is sound economy or (on a file) only that a Rook. Similarly a Rook anywhere outside the field holding three squares only is regarded as exerting its full potential power, whereas its field-power is four squares. We quite agree that the perfect economical mate which requires the maximum power from every piece is not necessarily the most artistic, but each mate as considered by Mr. Johnson is dealt with independently of other features and has no bearing upon matters of aesthetic taste.

Sam Loyd und Seine Schachaufgaben. The third instalment of this work is in our hands, bringing up Mr. A. C. White's book (translated into German) to page 240. The diagrams and text are excellent. Address: Schachverlag Hans Hedewig's Nachf. Curt Ronniger, Leipzig.

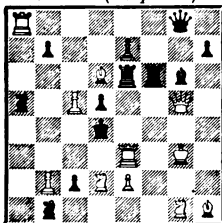
Grantham Journal Third International Two-move Tourney, section I: Threats or incomplete blocks. First prize, £2; second prize, £1. Section II: Complete blocks, "White to play" (plain blocks, added mates, changed mates or block threats). First prize, £2; second, £1. Entries to be received (address: Chess Editor, *Journal* Offices, Grantham) up to end of January next. No mottoes necessary. Judges: Messrs. G. F. Anderson, C. S. Kipping and J. R. Neukomm.

MUTATES.—Mr. C. Mansfield in the *Bristol Times and Mirror* in commenting upon a two-mover which he gave in his column in August makes some lucid remarks concerning Mutates, a class of strategy which has been confused by many solvers and even some composers. They are so eloquent and forceful that we conceive them to be a concordant supplement to what we have already written in these pages upon the subject.

"A type of changed-mate very popular some years ago. There were many notable exceptions, but the tendency was then for composers to strive to get as many mates changed as possible, at the expense of other desirable features. As a result there was quite a glut of mutates, clever mechanically, but lacking in character and æsthetic value. There has lately been a salutary change in the right direction. Now mutate composers usually aim at showing: The substitution of an entirely new feature; a completely altered meaning to Black's defences; a change of theme; greater insistence on the rule that the post-key play must be superior to the ante-key play, which must, however, be sufficiently plausible to delude the solver into wishing to preserve it; in general, greater attention to artistry."

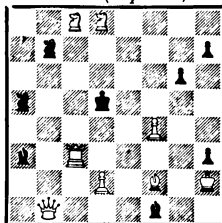
Xeque Mate FIRST TOURNEY.

First Prize.
By M. DA SILVERA.
BLACK (12 pieces)



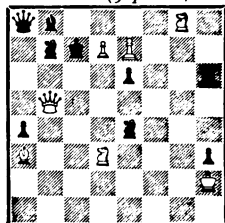
WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize (*ex æquo*).
By C. PULCHERIO.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two

Second Prize (*ex æquo*).
By C. PULCHERIO.
BLACK (9 pieces)



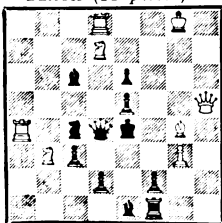
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize, F. Fiocati; hon. mentions, F. Fatioci and M. da Silva.

"GRANTHAM JOURNAL" TOURNEY.

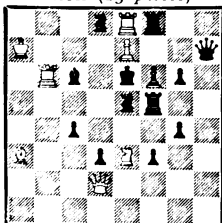
We give below three more interesting problems from the honour list of this competition. There were over forty positions which were awarded prizes and honourable mentions as also commendations. The Chess Editor is to be congratulated in having secured such a great response to his invitation.

Special Prize.
Half Pin.
By C. H. D. CLARK
(Leeds).
BLACK (11 pieces)



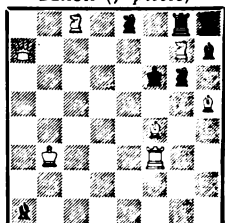
WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

Hon. Mention.
Black King Unpinning.
By K. A. K. LARSEN
(Copenhagen).
BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

Special Prize for Pawn-less Problems.
By R. H. BRIDGEWATER
(Birmingham).
BLACK (7 pieces)

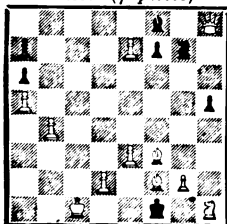


WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in two.

FIRST TOURNEY PRAZSKYCH ("NOVA," PRAHA).

First Prize.
By O. DURAS
(Prague).

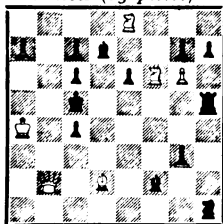
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By K. TRAXLER
(Dub).

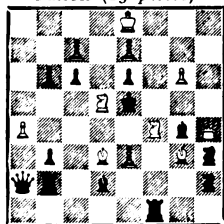
BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in three.

Third Prize.
By L. B. SALKIND
(Moscow).

BLACK (15 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

Fourth prize, J. Gentiner ; fifth, J. Drnek.

Several items of interest are held over.

SOLUTIONS.

By A. C. Challenger (p. 427).—1 B—Q 6, K×B ; 2 Q—K 4. If 1..., P×B ; 2 P—B 4. If 1..., Kt—B 4 ; 2 Kt—Q B 3 ch. If 1..., P—R 5 ; 2 B—B 4. If 1..., P×P, etc. ; 2 P—K 4 ch. A good key of the give-and-take class ; it threatens two continuations but duals are ingeniously averted. There is bright and capital play here.

By F. A. L. Kubbel (p. 427).—1 B—Q Kt 3, P—B 4 or K—B 3 ; 2 Q—Kt 4. If 1..., Kt—B 5 ; 2 B—B 7. If 1..., K—K 5 or B—Kt 2 ; 2 Q—K 5 ch. If 1..., others ; 2 Kt—K 3 dbl ch. An artistic representation of an echo mate—once vertically and once laterally. To this charm is added a capital threat and a good thematic key.

By W. J. Schifs (p. 427).—1 Q—B 1, Kt×Q ; 2 Kt (K 4)—B 5. If 1..., K×either Kt ; 2 Kt—Kt 5 ch. If 1..., P—K 7 ; 2 Q—K Kt 1. If 1..., P Queens ; 2 Q×Q ch. If 1..., others ; 2 Kt—Kt 7 ch. A well varied and skilful treatment of a mating-net three-mover with a decided spice of strategy.

By P. Wahlmark (p. 428).—1 Q—K 8, K—Kt 5 ; 2 Q×Kt. If 1..., P—Kt 5 ; 2 P×B.

By P. Wahlmark (p. 428).—1 Q—Q B 1, Kt—B 5 or B 8 ; 2 Q—K 3 ch. If 1..., Kt—Kt 8 ; 2 Q—B 3 ch. If 1..., Kt—Kt 6 or ×Kt ; 2 Q×Q R P. This and the preceding problem are much on the same lines, and partake of the nature of mutates. Both are very ingenious and certainly unusually difficult to solve.

By F. F. Alexander (after Kadera) (p. 428).—1 Q—B 3, P×Q ; 2 B—B 2. If 1..., B×Q ; 2 B—K 3. If 1..., R×Q ; 2 B—Kt 6. If 1..., Q—K Kt 8 ; 2 B×Q. If 1..., K×B ; 2 Q×B P ch. If 1..., R×P ; 2 B—Kt 7 ch. This hardly needs comment. Mr. Alexander has cured the previous versions of their defects—duals, etc., but has, as we pointed out, had to employ a White Knight. Some of the model mates are what one may term contributory.

By R. Weinheimer (p. 431).—1 B—K 7, K—K 6, R—K 5 or B 6 or P—B 6 ; 2 B×B P ch. If 1..., R—B 4 ch ; 2 Kt×P ch. An illustration of three pin models. The sudden death threatened key and smallness of continuations hardly seem sufficient to warrant its honours, though perhaps on the score of originality it is entitled to be marked good.

By T. Salamanca (p. 431).—1 Kt—Q 5, R or P×Kt; 2 Q—Kt 6 ch. If 1.., R×R, B×P or Kt—B 2; 2 Kt×P ch. If 1.., B—B 8 or K—B 4; 2 Q—B 6 ch. If 1.., K×Kt; 2 R×R ch. A give-and-take key leading again to some quaint pin models.

By Dr. Rduch (p. 431).—1 Kt—Kt 3, P—B 6 or ×Kt; 2 R—Kt 5 ch. If 1.., K—Q 4; 2 R—Q 2. If 1.., B—B 5; 2 P×P dis ch. If 1.., B—B 1; 2 Q—B 5 ch. If 1.., B—R 1; 2 R—Kt 5 ch. The key depriving Black of a flight square is not so bad as the Knight is placed *en prise*. The pin models here are very clever and surprising as well as a little obscure. A very nice three-mover.

No. 2,579, by H. Rhodes.—1 Kt—B 2. A very decent key as Kt—K 1, or 5 appear very likely openings. The variety is small but it is natural showing the construction is in order.

No. 2,580, by N. M. Gibbins.—1 R—R 1, P—R 6; 2 R—R 1. If 1.., K—R 3 or P—B 7; 2 P—Kt 4. A pleasing miniature with an excellent key.

No. 2,581, by B. J. de C. Andrade.—1 B—R 3, K—B 3 or Pawns move; 2 Q—Kt 6 ch. If 1.., K—Q or K 4; 2 Q×P. Mr. Andrade, when sending this three-mover, expressed a doubt as to its originality and left it to us to suppress it, but though somewhat similar problems may be found in Blumenthal's *Schach-miniaturen* and Wallis' *Chess Miniatures in Three*, there seemed in No. 2,581 a clearer presentment of the idea, introducing as it does four model mates.

No. 2,582, by K. S. Howard.—1 B—K 1, P—R 6; 2 P—Q 3 ch, K—Q 5; 3 B—Q 2. If 1.., K—Q 5; 2 P—B 3 ch, K—B 5; 3 B—Q B 2. If 1.., K—Kt 5; 2 P—Q 3 dis ch, K—R 6; 3 R—R 5. The Pawn mates are cleverly echoed, but there is a straightforward method in 1 B—R 2 ch, K—Q 5, 2 B—B 2 ch, K—K 5; 3 B—Q 5 ch. We should think this defect could be simply remedied.

By W. R. Coe (p. 466).—1 Q—B 3. Considering the date of the first publication of this two-mover, it is really good and will compare favourably with many of the prize problems of to-day. The key is unexpected and the variations are pointed.

By Dr. Otto Trinks (p. 466).—1 B—B 6, R—Q 5; 2 Kt—B 8, K R—Q 2 (best); 3 B—Kt 2, R—K R 5 (best); 4 B—K B 1, R (R 5)—R 2; 5 Kt—K 7 ch. If 1.., R—R 5; 2 B×R, R—Q 5; (if 2.., R—K 5; 3 R×P dbl ch); 3 B×R, K—B 5; 4 R—K 3. A striking strategical line of play to lead up to a position where after the Black Rooks have changed places by force of continued threats, White has secured a position of mastery on his fourth move.

By J. Halumbirek (p. 446).—1 K—Q 8, R—K Kt 3; 2 Kt—K 3, P or R×Kt; 3 Kt—B 8 ch, K×B; 4 K—Q 7. If 1.., R—Q Kt 6; 2 Kt—K 3, P×Kt; 3 Kt×P ch, K×B; 4 K—Q 7. Other variations simple. Ingenious. The model mates with the Kt at Q Kt 6 and K 3 are very nice. Not so difficult to solve, but the full continuation following 1.., R—Q Kt 6 might easily escape detection.

By K. A. L. Kubbel (p. 446).—1 R—R 5, P—B 8 (Kt) ch; 2 K—K 2, Kt—Kt 6 ch; (if 2.., Kt×P; 3 B×Kt dis ch, K—B 3; 4 B—Kt 5 ch, K—K 4; 5 B×P ch. If 2.., others; 3 B—B 4 dbl ch); 3 K—B 2, Kt×R; (if 3.., Kt—B 4; 4 P—B 4, Kt×P; 5 Kt—B 6 ch. If 3.., Kt—R 8 ch; 4 K—K or Kt 1, any; 5 B—B 4 dbl ch); 4 P—Kt 4, P×P *ep* ch; (if 4.., Kt—Kt 6; 5 B—B 4 ch); 5 K—Kt 2. The key-move here is just the one an experienced solver would try, but the after play is tricky and quite difficult to foresee. It is almost amusing to see how the Black Knight is drawn to R 4 and then forced to only one of two moves, the *en passant* feature effecting this limited choice.

By P. ten Cate (p. 467).—1 Kt—R 5. A flight square giving key followed by some excellent thrust and counter thrusts. An uncommon point here is the four-fold unpinning by Black of the White Knight.

By L. A. Issaëff (p. 467).—1 Kt—B 5. Another flight-giving key. Here we have the unpinning of White's Q R and Kt. Skilfully manipulated and one must not overlook the changed mate after 1... R×Kt ch.

By J. Bunting (p. 467).—1 R×B P. A bit puzzling and made more so by reason of the capture key. This key, however, has compensating virtues, as not only is the Rook self-pinned but Black is permitted a cross check. In the circumstances the variety is commendable.

By J. H. Barrow (p. 467).—1 B—K 5. Hardly original, but the construction is good except for the Black Bishop at R 2 which seems to serve no purpose.

By E. J. Eddy (p. 467).—1 B—Q B 5. Pretty and nicely put together. The cross-check is pleasing. A Black Pawn could have replaced the Knight but perhaps the composer wished to present the problem as a Pawnless as well as a Queenless one!

By R. H. Bridgwater (p. 467).—1 Q—K 6. A good key with interesting play. It is a pity White's Q B 6 has to be guarded for the mate after K×Kt as if this was overcome the R at R 6 could be dispensed with by adding a Black Pawn at Q R 3.

By P. F. Blake (p. 468).—1 Q—Q B 5. At first sight this is not attractive on account of the heavy and apparently artificial Black arrangement, but it only needs one to solve it when the true *ensemble* can be understood. The points of this two-mover can best be appreciated by carefully examining its phases.

By A. Mosely (p. 468).—1 Kt—Q B 5. A very graceful setting of an idea which has had various interpretations by other composers. This does not mean we have in this case a sin against originality but rather that as presented there is something refreshing, and this is emphasised in the incident that after 1... Q×R we have a model.

By E. J. Eddy (p. 468).—1 Kt×Q P. The capture key is part and parcel of the design of this neat Block-threat. It is notable that though a multiple discovered mate is threatened, no dual arises from any defence.

By R. Cofman (p. 468).—1 R—B 4, B×P ch; 2 R—K 4 ch. If 1... K×R; 2 Q—K 3 ch. If 1... Kt moves; 2 R—B 5 ch. If 1... B else; 2 Q—Q 4 ch. Beyond the mainplay, there is not much to applaud. The key to the average solver is one which would suggest itself off-hand and it is a give-and-take, but is good to the extent that it allows the adverse check B×P.

By Dr. F. Rduch (p. 468).—1 B—K 6, P×B; 2 R—Kt 4. If 1... Q×P! 2 Q—Q 2 ch. If 1... K—B 5; 2 K—B 2. If 1... K—Q 5; 2 R—Kt 4 ch. If 1... P—B 5; 2 R—Kt 3 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—Kt 3 ch. A position not grasped quickly and consequently not easy to solve. The play is lively and there are some uncommon models. There are, it is true, duals, but they do not interfere with the main intents.

By C. Gavrilov (p. 468).—1 B—Kt 5, P or Kt—B 3; 2 B—B 4 ch. If 1... P—B 4; 2 Q—Q 7 ch. If 1... K—K 4; 2 P—Q 6 dis ch. If 1... P×P; 2 Q—R 6 ch. If 1... R×P; 2 Q—Q 8 ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—Q 7 ch. This is not too easy to solve, but the solver is well paid for his trouble. Some of the finals are most unusual especially the model after 1... P×P.

By R. Cofman (p. 468).—1 Kt—Kt 6. An old design reframed. One of the earliest we remember constructed on similar lines is a two-er by J. Berger which appears as No. 1 in his collection.

By A. Schiffmann (p. 468).—1 R—K B 3. A rather awkward assemblage of men to produce very ordinary results. It is not a Mutate, as two or three correspondents have dubbed it but simply a pure waiter with an added mate, hence the P at Q B 2.

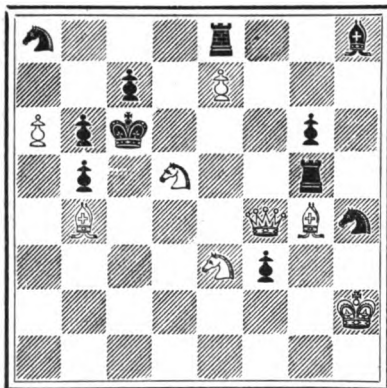
By S. Rosenfeld (p. 468).—1 K—K 2. We would not have included this in our selection but that we had space for the diagram. The bad restrictive key is not compensated by the fact that the King moves to where he is checked in four places.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,587.

By C. MANSFIELD
(Bristol).

BLACK (11 pieces)



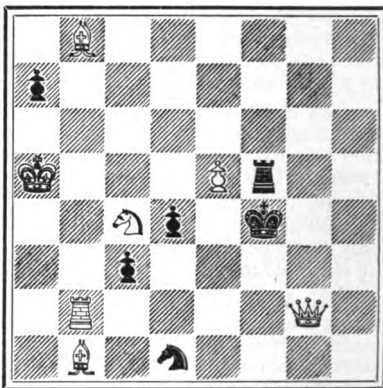
WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,588.

By B. W. SILVERBERG
(London).

BLACK (6 pieces)



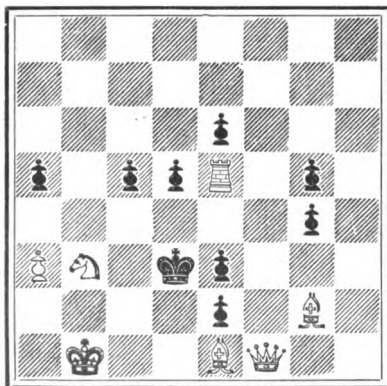
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White mates in two moves.

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P. G. L. F.
(Isleworth).

BLACK (9 pieces)



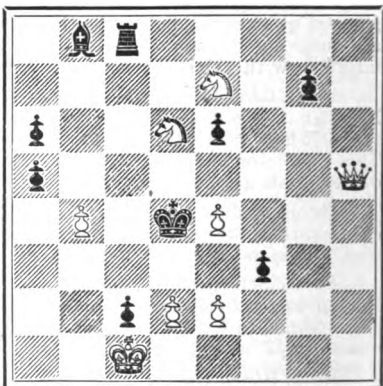
WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,590.

By A. C. CHALLENGER
(London).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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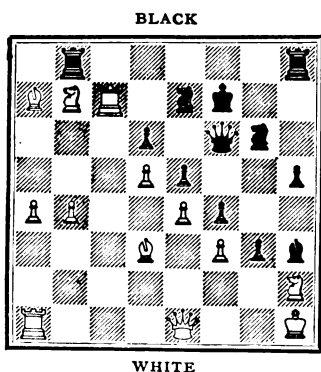
The preliminaries leading up to this event were reported in our October issue, p. 438. As was there foreshadowed, the two vacant places in the London team were filled by V. Buerger and M. E. Goldstein; and the six chosen players, with H. Saunders and W. Gooding as reserves, were in attendance at the ballroom of the former L.C.C. Hall, Spring Gardens, soon after 2-30 p.m. on Saturday, 6th November. The lists were then exchanged with Chicago, and the toss was made by the American umpire in London, Mr. H. A. H. Carson; it gave Chicago the move at the odd-numbered boards. The Lord Mayor, Sir William Pryke, found himself unable to be present, and deputed Councillor Pakeman, C.B.E., to act on his behalf. Mr. Pakeman made the first move (1 P—K 4) on this side for E. G. Sergeant, and a flashlight photograph of the occurrence was taken for wireless transmission. Mayor Dever, of Chicago, is understood to have made the first move for Eduard Lasker, who despatched with the move a greeting to his old friends in London. Play then commenced generally, with the following pairing and openings:—

<i>Chicago.</i>		<i>London.</i>		<i>Opening.</i>
Eduard Lasker ..	R. P. Michell ..	Queen's Gambit Declined.		
S. D. Factor ..	E. G. Sergeant ..	Ruy Lopez.		
L. J. Isaacs	V. Buerger	Irregular (Indian Def.).		
H. Hahlbohm ..	W. Winter	Queen's Gambit Declined.		
C. W. Phillips ..	B. E. Siegheim ..	Four Knights'.		
Orrin Frink, junr.	M. E. Goldstein ..	Queen's Gambit Declined.		

It will be seen that the London team had at the first two boards players who took part in some of the matches for the Newnes trophy, whereas the Chicago team included no such players. On the other hand London was deprived of the services of Sir G. A. Thomas and F. D. Yates (now a Londoner), who were absent at the Ghent tournament (an event, be it said, fixed before this match was arranged); and in their places were introduced two of the young players who have made their mark recently. The tellers for the London players were Messrs. Ralph Eastman, W. H. Watts, R. C. Griffith, E. Busvine, G. B. Quennell, and H. Meek; and a small body of willing workers carried the moves from the boards to an anteroom, where the progress of each game was shewn upon a separate wall-board, the six wall-boards being kindly lent by the City of London Chess Club; and the full score was recorded upon a card hanging by the side.

Play proceeded evenly from 3 to 7 p.m., by which time nearly twenty moves had been recorded at most of the boards. The chief excitement was provided by Winter's game, which early took a lively turn, due to his offering two Pawns for an attack which had considerable promise. Siegheim had lost a Pawn by a surprise stroke of his opponent's; but the other games were of a solid character, and in two of them the London players had some superiority of position, when at 7 o'clock there was an adjournment for one hour. During this interval the team and officials were entertained to dinner most royally by Mr. Ralph Eastman at the Royal Automobile Club.

At 8 o'clock play was resumed and proceeded evenly until midnight. Michell soon after resuming, broke through his opponent's King's side and won a couple of Pawns with exchange of Queens. Sergeant's game remained all through a position struggle, keenly fought. Buerger sacrificed a piece for two Pawns, to break up a block on the King's wing, and at the cessation of play stood to recover the piece. Winter's game was again, however, the chief centre of attraction; he was thought to have missed under time pressure more than one opportunity of either winning outright or obtaining a winning ending; but he continued to press his attack, and the changing phases of this game were keenly discussed in the anteroom by knots of spectators. Siegheim's opponent pressed heavily the advantage obtained earlier, and it became evident that this game was the least favourable to London of the whole six. Goldstein found himself in the middle twenties with an even position, but one which he could only maintain at equality by repeating certain moves with the Queen if the opponent persisted in attacking that piece; as the state of the other games did not necessitate risks being run to equalise chances he accepted the draw; and this proved the only game finished up to the call of time at midnight. A message was sent suggesting that London had wins on boards 1 and 4, but no reply was received. A cablegram has since been received resigning board 4. It is, however,



certain London win on board 1 and lose on board 5. There is a probable draw on board 2, and it is the position on board 3 which is the critical one. On material our player would lose, but we believe it can be proved that the attack wins. The position is as follows: Black to play, and it is suggested 38... R×Kt; 39 R×R, Kt—R5; 40 R—R2, P×Kt; 41 R×P, Kt×P; 42 Q—B2, Kt×R; 43 Q×Kt, B—Kt5; 44 K—Kt2 (if R—B7, R—K Kt1 (wins), R—Q B1! wins for Black, but Sir G. A. Thomas suggests 41 Q—Q1 and it is difficult to prove any advantage to Black. Perhaps 38... Q R—K Kt1 is better. In any case, the adjudicator has a difficult task; the Chicago players anticipate a draw.

The telephonic and cabling arrangements made by the Western Union Telegraphic Company gave complete satisfaction. The code devised by Mr. M. S. Kuhns, Chairman of the Hamilton Chess Circle of Chicago, also worked with perfect smoothness ; no hitch of any sort occurred in describing the moves despatched or decoding those received. Its use must have diminished very materially the expense of cabling the moves ; and after this experience it can be recommended confidently to clubs proposing to play matches by telegraph. More progress with the games was undoubtedly made in the eight hours than was usual on the first day of the old series of matches (terminating in 1911) ; but what proportion of this quickened tempo must be attributed to the diminished number of boards (ten in the old series) and what to telegraphic improvements only an expert could determine. Still however, the rate of play anticipated in our October notice (an average of forty moves in the eight hours) was by no means reached, only two of the games being in the neighbourhood of that number ; and probably it would have occupied a third sitting of two or three hours to take the games to a point at which the majority were finished, and the remainder susceptible of agreement there and then.

Amongst the spectators were to be seen Major Sir R. W. Barnett, M.P., president of the London Chess League, the Hon. F. G. Hamilton-Russell, many prominent London amateurs, Mrs. Arthur Rawson and most of the London lady chessplayers who compete for the B.C.F. ladies' championship, Messrs. W. Winter, senr., from Hampshire, and G. W. Powell from Gloucestershire, and Major Donald M. Liddell, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, formerly a member of the Manhattan Chess Club. The attendance as a whole was, however, frankly disappointing ; in spite of the large increase in the number of players since 1911 it hardly reached the level attained in the last years of the old series of cable matches. Some allowance must doubtless be made for the fact that it was an afternoon and evening of settled rain ; nevertheless the committee of the London Chess League was entitled to expect from its constituents better support than was given. The presentation of a trophy, with right of challenge given to any city club on the losing side of the water, makes it evident that this is only the first of a new series of such matches ; but the London League can only play its part in such a series if properly supported by its constituent clubs. The hall, with two ante-rooms, a tea room, and a not too highly raised gallery, would have accommodated with ease more than double the number present on this occasion.

Thanks are due to Dr. A. E. West, who acted as the London umpire in Chicago ; and to Messrs. Jaques & Son for the loan without charge of twelve chessboards and sets for the players and tellers, and six timing clocks. But above all, for the admirable arrangements made on this side no praise can be too great for Mr. G. R. Hardcastle, hon. secretary of the London Chess League, a born organiser whom no detail escapes, and whose assiduity and courtesy are never wearied.

Many cable matches may yet be played in this new series; it can safely be said that Mr. Hardcastle's arrangements will be the model which secretaries of any other organisation on this side taking up the challenge will aim at emulating.

Here follow the games:

GAME No. 5,763.

Played on board 1.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
ED. LASER	R. P. MICHELL
1 Kt—K B 3	1 P—Q 4
2 P—Q B 4	2 P—Q B 3
3 P—Q 4	3 P—K 3
4 P—K 3	4 Kt—K B 3
5 Q Kt—Q 2	5 Q Kt—Q 2
6 P—Q Kt 3	
White avoids the Meran defence by turning the opening into one of the Zukertort type, leaving Black saddled with a Pawn at Q B 3 instead of Q B 4, unsuitable to that form of the opening.	
7 B—Kt 2	6 B—Q 3
8 Q—B 2	7 Q—K 2
9 B—K 2	8 Castles

To carry out his idea logically White should now play 9 Kt—K 5. By permitting Black to get in ... P—K 4 he nullifies any advantage he might expect to get from the backward state of Black's Queen's side.

9 P—K 4!

10 Castles

A strategic error, which deprives his Queen's Bishop of any but a very remote future. A much better line would be 10 P×Q P, P×P (... Kt×P; 11 Castles); 11 P×P, Kt×P; 12 Kt—Q 4.

10 P—K 5!

11 Kt—R 4 11 Kt—Kt 1!

..... Strong and forcing.

12 P—Kt 3	12 B—K R 6
13 K R—K 1	13 Q Kt—Q 2
14 P—B 5	

White now commences a plan for breaking through on the Queen's wing; but it could very well wait a little, as the danger on his other flank is much greater than he seems to have realised. 14 B—K B 1, Q—K 3; 15 P—B 4 would make him much safer.

15 P—Q Kt 4	14 B—B 2
16 P—R 4	15 Q—K 3
17 B—K B 1	16 Kt—Kt 5
18 Kt×B	17 B×B
19 Kt—Kt 2	18 P—K Kt 4
20 P—R 4	19 Q—R 3

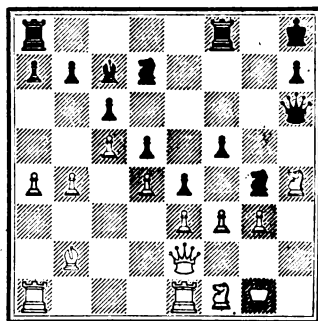
Or 20 Q—K 2; if then 20... P—B 4; 21 P—B 3; or if 20... Q Kt—B 3; 21 P—R 4.

21 Kt×P	20 P×P
22 Q—K 2	21 P—B 4
23 P—B 3	22 K—R 1

A serious mistake which virtually decides the issue; but he has no very good move left. If 23 Kt×P, R×Kt; 24 Q×Kt, R—R 4! Probably some very quiet move like 23 B—B 3 (intending 24 R—R 2) was as good as anything; but Black then improves his position still further by 23... R—B 2 and 24 R—K Kt 1.

Position after 23 P—B 3.

BLACK (MICHELL)



WHITE (LASER)

24 Kt×B	23 B×P!
	24 Q×Kt

.....If 24 Kt×P, R×Kt;
25 Kt×P, R×P wins. White is
now therefore reduced to fighting
a hopeless rearguard action.

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| 25 P×Kt | 25 Q×Kt ch |
| 26 Q—Kt 2 | 26 Q×Q ch |
| 27 K×Q | 27 P×P |
| 28 R—K B 1 | 28 R—B 6 |
| 29 P—Kt 5 | 29 P—K R 4 |

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| 30 R—R 1 | 30 Kt—B 3 |
| 31 B—B 1 | 31 K—Kt 2 |
| 32 Q R—Kt 1 | 32 K—Kt 3 |
| 33 P×P | 33 P×P |
| 34 R—Kt 7 | 34 R—R 1 |
| 35 R—R 4 | 35 K—Kt 4 |
| 36 R—R 1 | 36 R—R 2 |

Left for adjudication.

GAME No. 5,764.

Played on board 2.

Ruy López.

WHITE	BLACK
E. G. SERGEANT	S. D. FACTOR

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| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—K 4 |
| 2 Kt—K B 3 | 2 Kt—Q B 3 |
| 3 B—Kt 5 | 3 P—Q R 3 |
| 4 B—R 4 | 4 Kt—B 3 |
| 5 Castles | 5 P—Q 3 |
| 6 R—K 1 | |

An alternative and attacking
line here is 6 B×Kt ch, P×B;
7 P—Q 4. If 6 P—Q 4, P—
Q Kt 4; 7 P×P, P×P; 8 B—
Kt 3 (with or without exchange
of Queens) and Black has an easy
game.

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| | 6 B—K 2 |
| 7 P—B 3 | 7 B—K Kt 5 |

.....The change in the order
of the moves renders the usual
line of defence by ..., P—Q Kt 4,
..., Kt—Q R 4 and ..., P—Q B 4
valueless here, because White
would retreat the Bishop to Q B 2
at once, making the Knight's
move pointless.

- 8 P—Q 3

The *Handbuch* pronounces it
better to play first 8 P—K R 3,
B—R 4, then 9 P—Q 3.

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| | 8 Castles |
| 9 Q Kt—Q 2 | 9 P—Q Kt 4 |

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| 10 B—Kt 3? | 10 P—Q 4 |
| 11 Q—K 2 | 11 P—Q 5 |
| 12 P—K R 3 | 12 B—R 4 |
| 13 P—K Kt 4 | 13 B—Kt 3 |
| 14 B P×P | |

Or 14 Kt—B 1 and 15 Kt—Kt 3.

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| | 14 Kt×P |
| 15 Kt×Kt | 15 Q×Kt |
| 16 Kt—B 3 | 16 Q—Q 3 |
| 17 B—Kt 5 | 17 Kt—Q 2 |
| 18 B×B | 18 Q×B |
| 19 Q R—B 1 | 19 P—Q B 4 |
| 20 Q—K 3 | 20 Q R—B 1 |
| 21 R—B 2 | 21 R—B 2 |
| 22 K R—B 1 | 22 K R—B 1 |
| 23 B—Q 5 | 23 Q—Q 3 |
| 24 P—R 3 | 24 K—B 1 |
| 25 P—Kt 4 | 25 P—B 3 |
| 26 P×P | 26 R×P |
| 27 R×R | 27 R×R |
| 28 P—Q 4 | 28 R×R |
| 29 Q×R | 29 Kt—Kt 3 |
| 30 P×P | 30 P×P |
| 31 Q—B 3 | 31 Kt×B |
| 32 P×Kt | 32 B—K 5 |
| 33 Kt×P | 33 B×P |
| 34 K—B 1 | 34 P—Q R 4 |
| 35 P—B 4 | 35 P—Kt 5 |

Left for adjudication.

GAME No. 5,765.

Played on board 3. Annotations by the "Teller." (R.C.G.)

WHITE	BLACK
L. ISAACS	V. BUERGER

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| 1 P—K 4 | 1 P—Q 3 |
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.....In order presumably to
take his opponent out of the
books.

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| 2 P—Q 4 | 2 Kt—K B 3 |
| 3 B—Q 3 | |

This is a bad move, and 3...
P—K 4 would be one way of
refuting it. Sir George Thomas
against the Middlesex champion

played 3 Kt—Q B 3 ! P—K Kt 3 ;
4 B—K B 4 ! B—Kt 2 (if 4...
Kt—R 4 ; 5 B—K 3) ; 5 Q—Q 2,
Castles ; 6 B—R 6 and Black got
a bad game.

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| | 3 P—K Kt 3 |
| 4 Kt—K B 3 | 4 B—Kt 2 |
| 5 Castles | 5 Castles |
| 6 P—K R 3 ? | |

This move is not necessary, as White has not played Kt—Q B 3. Better was Q—K 2 ; there might follow Kt—Q B 3 ; 7 P—B 3, B—Kt 5 ; 8 Q Kt—Q 2, P—K 4 ; 9 P—K R 3, B×Kt ; 10 Kt×B, P×P ; 11 P×P—with two Bishops. This shows that the sortie of the Black Bishop to K Kt 5 is not to advantage in this position, hence P—K R 3 to prevent it is waste of time.

Abroad the time limit in tournaments, and even in matches, is generally thirty moves in two hours, and during the tour of the Hampstead players in France and Belgium last summer it was found that our players played appreciably better at thirty-four moves in two hours, although it frequently meant they spent a very long time over their first dozen moves, and were often short of time on the second hour. In the City tournament recently reported the time limit was thirty-four moves in two hours, but in this match reversion was made to the twenty move per hour limit. When Black consumed twenty-three minutes on his next move, I became very anxious. Presumably there were several continuations he had to study. I would suggest (1) K Kt—Q 2, (2) P—K R 3, (3) P—Q B 4, (4) Q Kt—Q 2 as possibilities.

6 Kt—Q B 3

.....Indisputably the best. (1) K Kt—Q 2 does not assist the development ; (2) P—K R 3 is not yet necessary, but may be required when White's Q B is developed ; (3) P—Q B 4 would be met by 7 P×P, and (4) Q Kt—Q 2 blocks Black's position too much.

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| 7 P Q B 3 | 7 K Kt—Q 2 |
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.....Black took another sixteen minutes for this move, the other move of which he was thinking was P—K R 3, but for the same reason as on the last move, it is unnecessary at present.

- 8 Q Kt—Q 2

B—K 3 first would have been better.

8 P—K 4

- 9 P—Q 5

This weakens White's centre 9 P×P, Q Kt×P ; 10 Kt×Kt, Kt×Kt ; 11 B—B 2 White is at no disadvantage, but Black, playing to win, would have played 10... P×Kt ; 11 Kt—B 3, P—K B 4.

9 Kt—K 2

- 10 P—K Kt 4

Probably best.

10 Kt—Q B 4

.....Black, already short of time, was afraid of P—K B 4 at once, which is slightly better 11 Kt P×P, P×P ; 12 Kt—Kt 5, but 12... Kt—B 4 would have been a sufficient reply.

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| 11 B—B 2 | 11 P—K B 4 |
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| 12 Kt—R 2 | 12 P—B 5 |
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.....An excellent move ; I had fancied 12... K—R 1 but Black has another and better plan in view, as will be seen. His clock now showed fifty-seven and half minutes, his opponent's forty-one (we cabled to ask).

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| 13 P—K B 3 | 13 K—B 2 ! |
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.....For Black has views of opening the K R file.

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| 14 R—B 2 | 14 B—B 3 |
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.....To prevent the advance of King-side Pawns.

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| 15 Kt—Kt 3 | 15 Kt—Q 2 |
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.....Better would have been Kt×Kt.

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| 16 B—Q 2 | 16 P—K R 4 ! |
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| 17 R—Kt 2 | 17 R—R 1 |
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.....Correct was P×P ; 18 R P×P, R—R 1. Buerger thinks Kt—K Kt 1 is still stronger.

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| 18 P—Kt 5 ! | 18 B—Kt 2 |
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| 19 P—K R 4 | |
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Now the position is blocked again, and it is difficult for Black to break through.

19 Kt—Kt 3
20 B—K 1
A weak move. B—Q 3 was stronger. Here was the adjournment. Black thereafter moved 20..., Kt—B 5, with a minute to spare!

21 Q—B 1
The only move.
21 B—R 6
.....After sixteen minutes, but Kt—K 6; 22 R—Q 2, Kt×B was preferable.

22 R—K 2 22 Kt—B 1
23 B—B 2 23 B—B 1
.....And now the plan of his 21st move is obvious, to sacrifice his K B for the King-side Pawns and advance his own—but a defensive move like P—Q R 4 was necessary first.

24 B—Q 3 24 K Kt—Kt 3
25 Kt—R 5 25 R—Q Kt 1
.....And now 26 B—R 6!—would probably win for White. Best is 26..., P—Q B 4; 27 B×P, R×B; 28 Kt×R, Q—B 2; 29 Kt—R 5, Kt×Q P; 30 Kt—B 4, but White missed his chance and played

26 P—Q R 4 26 B—K 2
27 K—R 1 27 B×P!
28 P×B 28 Q×P
29 Q—K Kt 1 29 Q—B 3
30 Q—K 1 30 P—Kt 4
31 P—B 4

White's only chance now.

31 Kt—K 2
32 P—Kt 4 32 Kt—Kt 3
33 P—B 5 33 Kt—Q B 1!

.....Much better than P×P which would give White counter-attacking chances.

34 P×P 34 P×P!
.....Again much stronger than Kt×P.

35 R—B 2 35 P—Kt 5

.....Possibly this may be too early for 36 B—B 1, B×B; 37 Q×B, P—Kt 6; 38 Q—R 3, P×B; 39 R—B 7 ch, Kt (B 1)—Q 2; 40 Kt×Kt P. The chances seem level, but White is playing for win.

36 R—B 7 ch 36 Kt (B 1)—K 2
37 Kt×P 37 P—Kt 6
38 B×P

Left for adjudication.

GAME No. 5,766.

Played on board 4.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE	BLACK
W. WINTER	H. HAHLEBOHM
1 P—Q 4	1 P—Q 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—K B 3
3 P—B 4	3 P—K 3
4 Kt—B 3	4 B—Kt 5
.....See game No. 5,622, B.C.M., February, for another example of this defence.	
5 Q—R 4 ch	5 Kt—B 3
6 B—Kt 5	6 P×P
.....A mistake. 6..., B—Q 2 was much better.	
7 P—K 4	

For now, by 7 Kt—K 5, B—Q 2; 8 Kt×Kt, B×Kt ch; 9 P×B, B×Kt; 10 Q×BP, followed as soon as possible by P—B 3 and P—K 4, White should have obtained a fine game.

7 B—Q 2
8 Q—B 2 8 P—K R 3
9 B—Q 2

9 B×Kt, Q×B; 10 P—K 5 would have secured equality. As a result of the text-move Black gets a winning advantage on the Queen's side.

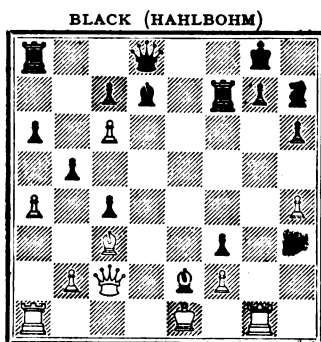
9 B×Kt

- 10 B×B 10 P-Q Kt 4
 11 P-Q R 4 11 P-R 3
 12 B-K 2 12 Castles
 13 P-K Kt 4

Justifiable boldness in view of the consideration last mentioned.

- 13 Kt-R 2
 14 P-K R 4 14 P-K B 4
 15 Kt P×P 15 K P×P
 16 P-Q 5 16 P×K P
 17 R-K Kt 1 17 R-B 2
 18 P×Kt 18 P×Kt

Position after 18., P×Kt.



- 19 R-Q 1

Here many of the spectators thought that White should have Castled; but after 19., P×B; 20 R×B White would have to reckon at every point with the expectation of Black's playing ... P-K 8 (Q) ch, drawing off one of the two crucial attacking pieces, and escaping under cover of the respite so gained.

- 19 P×B
 20 R×B 20 R×R

- 21 P×R 21 Kt-B 3
 22 Q×P

Here again 22 Q-B 5 was thought to be a winning line; but the right continuation would be very difficult to disentangle from the number of plausible lines available; it appears to be 22 Q-B 5, K-R 1; 23 R-Kt 6, Q×P; 24 R×R P ch! K-Kt 1; 25 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 26 R-K Kt 6! Kt-Kt 3 (not ... Kt-B 3; 27 B×Kt, K-B 2; 28 P Queens and wins); 27 R×P ch, K-B 1; 28 R-R 7, R-K 1; 29 R-R 8 ch, K-B 2; 30 R×R, K×R; 31 P×P, P×P; 32 B-K 5, and should win.

- 22 K-B 2
 23 Q-B 3 23 Q-K 2 ch
 24 K-B 1 24 R-Q 1
 25 B×Kt 25 Q×B
 26 Q-Q 5 ch 26 K-B 1
 27 P×P 27 P×P
 28 Q×Kt P

Here 28 R-Kt 3, P-B 3; 29 Q-K 4, K-Kt 1; 30 R-K B 3 followed by 31 Q-K 8 ch is a sure win for White.

- 28 Q×R P
 29 Q-K B 5 ch 29 K-Kt 1

.....It is surprising that Black did not interpose the Queen, which leaves White with only a draw. The omission allows White to reproduce the position of the major pieces which would have resulted from 28 R-Kt 3.

- 30 Q-K 6 ch 30 K-B 1
 31 R-Kt 3 31 Q-B 3
 32 Q-K 4 32 K-Kt 1
 33 R-K B 3 and Black has
 cabled his resignation.

GAME No. 5,767.

Played on board 5.

Four Knights.

- | WHITE | BLACK |
|----------------|----------------|
| C. W. PHILLIPS | B. E. SIEGHEIM |
| 1 P-K 4 | 1 P-K 4 |
| 2 Kt-K B 3 | 2 Kt-K B 3 |
| 3 Kt-B 3 | 3 Kt-B 3 |
| 4 B-Kt 5 | 4 B-Kt 5 |
| 5 Castles | 5 Castles |

- 6 P-Q 3 6 P-Q 3
 7 B-Kt 5 7 Kt-K 2
 8 P-K R 3

8 Kt-K R 4 is the almost universally accepted move, deterring Black from playing ... Kt-Kt 3, and threatening 9 P-K B 4.

8 P-B 3
9 B-Q B 4 9 P-Q 4

.....Black proceeds to play the accepted routine moves for the variation beginning 8 Kt-K R 4, but they are not suitable to the altered position. 10... Kt-Kt 3 is now correct; it threatens to get rid of the pin by 11... P-K R 3; if to prevent this White plays 11 Kt-K R 4, then ... Kt-B 5; 12 B×Q Kt, P×B, and White has nothing better to do than take his Kt back to K B 3, whereupon ... P-Q 4.

10 P×P 10 P×P
11 B-Kt 3 11 B×Kt
12 P×B 12 Q-Q 3

.....An error. 12... Kt-Kt 3 was still best, with ... R-K 1 to follow.

13 R-K 1 13 Kt-Kt 3

.....The odd-looking move of ... P-Q 5 might have saved the Pawn for the time; but White's subsequent attack would be serious. There is nothing for it therefore but 13... P-K R 3; 14 B×Kt (14 B-R 4, Kt-B 4!), P×B, and Black's King's side is much weakened.

14 Kt×P! 14 Kt×Kt
15 B-K B 4 15 R-K 1

.....The alternative of 15... K Kt-Q 2; 16 P-Q 4, P-B 3, would be much worse owing to the weakness of the Queen's Pawn.

16 P-Q 4 16 Kt-K 5
17 P×Kt 17 Q-B 4
18 Q-Q 4 18 Q×Q
19 P×Q 19 B-K 3
20 P-B 4 20 Kt-B 6

.....Not 20... P×P; 21 B-R 4!

21 P-B 5 21 Kt-Kt 4
22 B-K 3 22 Kt-B 2
23 P-B 4 23 P-K R 4
24 B-Q 1 24 P-K Kt 3
25 P-Kt 4 25 P×P
26 P×P 26 P-Q Kt 4
27 K-Kt 2 27 B-Q 2
28 B-B 3 28 B-B 3
29 R-R 1 29 K-B 1
30 P-B 5 30 K-K 2
31 R-R 7 31 P×P
32 B-Kt 5 ch 32 K-Q 2
33 R×P ch 33 K-B 1
34 R×P 34 Kt-K 3

Left for adjudication.

GAME No. 5,768.

Played on board 6.

Queen's Gambit Declined.

WHITE M. E. GOLDSTEIN BLACK ORRIN FRINK, JR.

1 P-Q 4 1 P-Q 4
2 Kt-K B 3 2 Kt-K B 3
3 P-B 4 3 P-K 3

.....The latest researches give 3... P-B 4 as equalising the game for Black. The inference is that White must offer the gambit on the second move.

4 B-Kt 5 4 P-K R 3
5 B×Kt 5 Q×B
6 Kt-B 3 6 P-B 3
7 P-K 3 7 Kt-Q 2
8 B-Q 3

White came afterwards to the conclusion that 8 Q-Kt 3 was better. It leaves Black only Q 3 or K 2 for the development of his KB, and the answer in either case is 9 P-K 4.

8 B-Kt 5
9 Q-Kt 3 9 B×Kt ch
10 Q×B 10 Castles

.....So far the game has coincided with No. 5,695, Grünfeld v. Kmoch, B.C.M., July; Black there played 10... P×P before Castling.

11 R-Q B 1 11 R-K 1
12 P×P

12 Kt—K 5 was better.

13 Castles 12 K P×P
14 Kt—K 5 13 Kt—B 1

Now 14 Q—B 2 would have hindered the advantageous development of Black's Q B.

15 Q—B 2 14 B—B 4
16 Q×B 15 B×B
17 Q—Kt 3 16 Q—K 2
18 Q—R 4 17 Q R—Kt 1
19 Kt×Kt 18 Kt—Q 2

It is no longer advisable to support the Knight by 19 P—B 4 because of 19.., Kt—B 3 and 20.., Kt—K 5, which could only be got rid of by exchanging.

20 P—Q R 3 19 Q×Kt
21 Q—Q 1 20 P—Q R 3
22 P—Q Kt 4 21 R—K 3.
23 Q—B 3 22 R—Kt 3
24 P—Q R 4 23 R—K 1
25 Q—K 2 24 R—B 3
26 Q—B 3 25 R—Kt 3
27 Q—K 2 26 R—B 3
28 Q—B 3 27 R—Kt 3
28 R—B 3

Drawn.

.....Black could vary by 28.., Q R—K 3; 29 Q—R 3! R×P ch, winning the White Queen for two Rooks; but White would quickly break through on the Queen's side, getting his Rooks to the back of the Black position with advantage.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP GROUPINGS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Sir,—Mr. Jamieson's letter in the current *B.C.M.* fails entirely to answer the point raised by Mr. King as to the fairness of the present method of conducting the County championship. The grouping of the counties may, as Mr. Jamieson says, be the best that experience can devise, but it does not alter the fact that fourteen Southern Counties provide one semi-finalist, eight Midland Counties provide another, and only four Northern Counties the third. Surely Mr. King is not a too ardent reformer when he suggests two semi-finalists for the South? Why should not the winner of the Montague-Jones group be one semi-finalist and the winner of the Metropolitan group another? They could then play for the honour of meeting the winner of the Northern-Midlands semi-final, and not one single mile of extra travelling be involved.

Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN P. LEES.

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MERTON, S.W.

"HOW TO STUDY THE OPENINGS."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue for November there appears an article by Mr. A. Firth to which I feel compelled to take strong exception.

Mr. Firth is very modest as to his own capabilities, even going so far as to style himself a "mug," but whether he be a strong or quite ordinary player, his suggestions and recommendations, whilst very attractive, seem to me so fraught with evil consequences, especially to young and rising players, that I cannot refrain from entering an amiable protest.

For Mr. Firth purports to have found a short cut, or royal road to a method of winning games. Now, for the true lover of our noble game the mere winning of matches should be quite a secondary consideration: the main thing to strive for is to improve one's play, and I venture to assert that his suggested method of mastering just a branch of one or two of the openings is not only an unworthy, but a fallacious way, of attempting to attain proficiency.

There are unfortunately only too many of our younger players already prone to adopt these attractive but misleading methods. It is a matter of great regret to me to see these promising players, who, at a time when their mental powers are strongest, and therefore most capable of conceiving fresh and brilliant

combinations, devoting themselves to the "close" game and to the "safe" variations for the doubtful glory of scoring wins. They not only cramp their style, but they retard their possible development into players of the highest class.

For these reasons I would urge our younger players not to adopt Mr. Firth's advice and to cultivate a more catholic taste in openings. In doing so they will at least learn, unconsciously it may be, how the great masters seek to deploy their forces, and how such schemes are met and repelled, and even if they cannot remember the moves they will at least acquire a knowledge of the general lines on which opening play should be conducted which would be of much greater utility than a slavish devotion to a single opening.

Yours faithfully,

E. BILLEN

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November 10th, 1926.

PHILIDOR.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to my letter concerning Philidor which was published in your last number, it has been pointed out to me very justly that what I alluded to as "Mr. Keeble's version" of the date of Philidor's death is in fact "*The Times*' version" (given in their article on September 7th last, and accepted and adopted by Mr. Keeble as the correct date). I much regret any injustice to *The Times* that my letter may have done.

Yours faithfully,

G. H. DIGGLE.

4 JAMES STREET,

LINCOLN, November 7th, 1926.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—I regret having given a wrong date for the birth of Philidor in my article in October *B.C.M.* September 7th, 1726, as mentioned by your correspondent, Mr. G. H. Diggle, is the right day. It is important to correct this as at some future time a tablet to the memory of Philidor will be placed in St. James' Church.

It is interesting to find that Mr. Staunton knew the correct date of Philidor's death, and so stated it on page 284, Vol. I, of the *C.P.C.* That particular number of the magazine was dated August 28th, 1841. In the same volume (page 185) Mr. Staunton stated that a portrait of Philidor by Gainsborough was in existence and said to be in the possession of a Mr. Halford. I wonder where it is now.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN KEEBLE.

B.C.F. PUBLIC SCHOOL SHIELD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *B.C.M.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to my nomination of Christ's Hospital for the above shield I should like to mention one point for the information of the delegates who were present at the S.C.C.U. meeting on November 13th.

A letter, written on November 11th, and giving a detailed account of considerable chess activities at the school, was unfortunately delayed and did not reach me until after the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

H. MEEK.

FOR SALE.

Lasker's Chess Magazine, eight volumes, £4; Tome II (End-Games), *Echecs Modernes*, by Delaire, in mint condition, 12/6 post free; *Westminster Papers*, complete set of eleven volumes bound in six, good condition, £5 the lot—a bargain.

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REVIEW.

Die Französische Partie, by J. Mieses. Hans Hedewig's Nachf., Perthesstrasse 10, Leipzig, C.I. Pp. 58. Price 3M. unbound, 4M. linen-bound.

In his preface Mieses remarks upon the fact that, despite the great importance of the French Defence, no monograph has been devoted to it since one which appeared some 35 years ago. He does not attempt to make original investigations himself, but very ably summarises the leading lines in the more important variations; and the book is quite up-to-date, quoting games played in the Semmering tournament earlier in the year.

It appears to us that relatively too much space (9 pages) is devoted to the irregular variations commencing 2 P—K B 4, 2 P—Q B 4, 2 Q—K 2, 2 P—K Kt 3, etc., of which only 2 Q—K 2 and 2 P—K Kt 3 are worthy of serious consideration at the present time.

In the more regular lines the exchange variation (3 P×P), and Nimzovitch's favourite 3 P—K 5 are adequately treated, but the Gledhill attack is dealt with rather casually, and the variation 1 P—K 4, P—K 3; 2 P—Q 4, P—Q 4; 3 Kt—Q B 3, Kt—K B 3; 4 B—Kt 5, P×P!; 5 Kt×P, B—K 2!, which gives Black easy equality, is relegated to a small note.

We are glad to see that the important McCutcheon Defence, which survives all "refutations," is given full consideration, eight pages being devoted to this interesting variation.

The Classical attack 5 P—K 5, K Kt—Q 2 might have had a few more pages given to it. The tendency in contemporary play is to revert to the old 6 B×B, Q×B; 7 Q—Q 2!, which is mentioned in a note. The Alekhin attack, 6 P—K R 4! is going out of fashion, and Mieses observes that at present 6... P—K R 3; 7 B—K 3, P—Q B 4; 8 Q—Kt 4, K—B 1! is considered best.

Mieses concludes by remarking that the French still holds the field as one of the soundest defences at Black's disposal, and it gives him many winning chances if White is tempted to rush the attack.

Despite the minor points of difference mentioned above, we can very heartily recommend this book to those wishing to keep abreast of the latest theoretical developments. The book is well printed in fairly large type; it is very easy to read, and fills a long-felt need.

OBITUARY.

We regret to announce the death of Sir Alexander C. Bruce, who was the president of the London Four-handed Chess Club, 4 Park Place, St. James's. The loss of his charming personality and keenness will be very much felt by the members of the Club.

The death occurred, on April 7th of this year, of Luis Belgrano Rawson, a prominent young Argentinan chessplayer.

GHENT MASTERS' TOURNAMENT.

This invitation tournament of six players came to an end on November 5th, when Dr. Savielly Tartakover gained a comfortable victory by a margin of $1\frac{1}{2}$ points over his nearest competitor, F. D. Yates. In the first half of the contest his score was $4\frac{1}{2}$ out of a possible 5; but in the second half he lost to D. Janowski. Yates lost the first two games he played, and has some reason to complain that fortune did not favour him. His finish, however, was a fine effort, his only mishap being a loss to Sir George Thomas, whom he had earlier defeated, playing White in his favourite Ruy Lopez. Thomas was not at his best, missing chances in a way he did not miss them at Spa. E. Colle, Belgium's only representative, also failed to fulfil his admirers' hopes. A curious discrepancy was exhibited in the scores of the remaining two players, both entering from France. Janowski scored 1 point in the first half of the tournament, $3\frac{1}{2}$ in the second; R. Crépeaux 3 in the first half, 1 in the second. Table:—

	1	2	3	4	5	6	T'l.
1 S. Tartakover	—	I $\frac{1}{2}$	I $\frac{1}{2}$	I 0	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	I I	7
2 F. D. Yates	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	I I	I 0	0 I	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
3 E. Colle	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	—	0	I $\frac{1}{2}$	0 I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4 D. Janowski	0 I	0 0	$\frac{1}{2}$ I	—	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	0 I	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
5 Sir G. Thomas	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	0 I	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	—	I 0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 R. Crépeaux	0 0	I 0	I 0	I 0	0 I	—	4

The Times of November 15th says:—

The most important of the acquisitions approved by the Trustees of the British Museum at their meeting on Saturday consisted of the remarkable chess pieces recently discovered during the excavation of ancient buildings near Witchampton Manor, near Wimborne, Dorset. These have been placed on permanent loan by Mrs. McGeagh, of Witchampton Manor.

The chessmen are of bone, and unusually large. One of them has a vertical band of ornament composed of interlaced units, and two animals' heads which project from the opposite side at the top; two others have rudimentary animals' heads; while fragments of a broken piece, almost black in colour, are carved with characters, apparently Anglo-Saxon capitals of the tenth century. There are fragments of further pieces with vertically fluted sides recalling the Pawns among the well-known chessmen from the island of Lewis, already in the Museum.

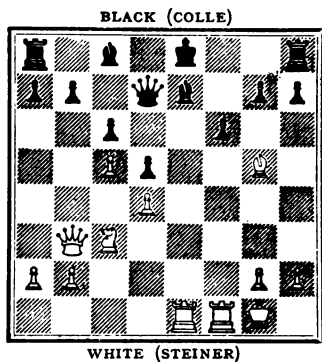
The presence of inscribed characters of Anglo-Saxon type and the very early date suggested by their forms lend an exceptional interest to these pieces, which may well be the most ancient examples in bone or ivory which have survived in the West. Their discovery may confirm the statements in two twelfth century MSS. (Gaimar's *Lestorie des Engles* and the *Ramsey Chronicle*) that chess was played in England in the reigns of Edgar and Knut. Philological arguments based on the nomenclature of chess have already confirmed these statements in so far as they seem to show that chess was known in Western Europe certainly at an earlier date than 1000 A.D., and probably earlier than 900 A.D. The Witchampton chessmen, which may be not much later than 900 A.D., may thus afford concrete evidence in support of that derived from philology and literature.

A TOURNAMENT CURIOSITY.

The *Deutsche Schachzeitung* records an extraordinary incident which occurred in a game at the Budapest Tournament between A. (in Hungarian E., sc. Endre) Steiner and E. Colle. The opening (*Alekhine's Defence*) was as follows: 1 P—K 4, Kt—K B 3; 2 P—K 5, Kt—Q 4; 3 B—B 4, Kt—Kt 3; 4 B—K 2, P—Q 3; 5 P—K B 4, Kt—B 3; 6 Kt—K B 3, P×P; 7 P×P, Kt—Q 5; 8 Castles, Kt×Kt ch; 9 B×Kt, Q—Q 5 ch; 10 K—R 1, Q×K P; 11 P—Q 4, Q—Q 3; 12 P—B 4, Q—Q 2; 13 Kt—B 3, P—Q B 3.

Here Steiner accidentally knocked his King off the board with his coat-sleeve, and in re-placing him put him down as K Kt 1 instead of K R 1. The mistake was not noticed (!), and play proceeded: 14 P—B 5, Kt—Q 4; 15 Q—Kt 3, P—K 3; 16 B×Kt, K P×B; 17 B—Kt 5, P—B 3; 18 Q R—K 1 ch, B—K 2.

The position shown in the diagram was now reached, the White King still wrongly standing on K Kt 1. Steiner brilliantly played 19 R×P! with the continuation: 19.., P×R; 20 B×P, Castles; 21 R×B. Now, had White's King stood where he should have, on K R 1, Black's reply would obviously be Q×R, for if 22 B×R, R—B 8 mate. But what actually happened was 21.., R×B; 22 R×Q, B×Q; 23 Kt—K 4, R—B 2; 24 Q—Kt 3 ch, R—Kt 2; 25 K—B 6 ch, K—R 1 (if K—B 1, then 26 Q—Q 6 ch and 27 Q—B 4); 26 Q—K 5, B—R 6; 27 Kt—R 5 and wins.



In playing the game over after its finish Colle discovered his opponent's error, and lodged a protest. But, according to the *Deutsche Schachzeitung*, the protest was not sustained, as at Budapest play was under English rules, which do not provide for such a contingency.* Under the German rules, the game would have had to be re-played from the point where the error occurred—the position being put right, of course.

* It is true that the case does not seem to be covered by the Laws of Chess compiled for the British Chess Federation. Law 25 runs: "If, during the progress of a game, it be found that an illegal move has been made and not retracted under Law 24, the position which existed at the time such illegal move was made must be restored, and the game proceeded with from that point. . . ." (The italics are ours.)

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E. S. TINSLEY.—We agree that the continuation given in the final note to game No. 5,752 (November) is not the most forcible. White has in fact a forced mate in five, commencing with his 20th move, the right line being, as you say, 23 P—K R 4 ch, etc.

FURTHER NOTES ON THE KIESERITZKY.

By STASCH MLOTKOWSKY.

1 P-K 4 P-K 4	2 P-K B 4 P×P	3 Kt-K B 4 P-K Kt 4 (1)	4 P-K R 4 P-K t5
5 Kt-K 5 Kt-K B 3 (2)	6 B-B 4 P-Q 4	7 P×P B-Kt 2	8 P-Q 4 Kt-R 4 (3)
9 Kt-B 3 (4) Castles	10 Kt-K 2 P-Q B 4	11 P-B 3 P×P	12 P×P Kt-Q 2
13 Q Kt×P Q Kt×Kt (5)	14 P×Kt Kt-Kt 6 (6)	11 B×P P-Q Kt 4 (7)	12 Q-B 2 Castles (11)
			6 B-B 4 Kt-K R 3 (8)
			7 P-Q 4 P-Q 3
			8 Kt-Q 3 P-B 6
			9 P×P B-Kt 2 (9)
			10 B-K 3 P×P (10)
			11 Q×P B-Kt 5

(1) Should Black wish to avoid the Kieseritzky or Allgaier and be willing to defend a regular King's Knight's Gambit, he may play 3... P-K R 3. If 4 P-K R 4, P-Q 4; 5 P×P, B-K Kt 5. Or 4 P-K R 4, Kt-K B 3; 5 Kt-Q B 3, P-Q 4. The addition of P-K R 4 for White and P-K R 3 for Black will not improve the first player's game. 4 B-B 4, P-K Kt 4; 5 Castles or P-Q 4 transposes into the Knight's Gambit proper. The *Handbuch* calls 4... P-K Kt 4 bad on account of 5 Kt-K 5. Black then plays R-R 2. I have examined Kt×B P, B×P (ch), Kt-Kt 6, Q-R 5, P-Q 4 and P-K R 4 for White's sixth and can find no wholly satisfactory line.

(2) The consensus of opinion that this is the best defence is one with which I agree. Yet to a player not familiar with its intricacies it is too complicated to be safe, and he would do well to choose instead 5... P-Q 3; 6 Kt×Kt P, B-K 2.

(3) The older move, Castles, has good points. After 9 B×P, Kt×P; 10 B×Kt, Q×B; 11 Castles, best is Cordel's move, Kt-B 3. But White may play 9 Kt-Q B 3, whereupon Black's strongest is Kt-R 4, transposing into text.

(4) I have analysed 9 K-B 2 here and find Black gets the advantage by either 9... P-Q B 4 or 9... Kt-Kt 6, the former for choice. (J.H.B.)

(5) Both the *Handbuch* and *Larabok* give 13... Kt-Kt 6; 14 Kt-K 6, etc., properly querying White's last, but failing to note that instead 14 Q×P wins. 14... Kt×R is answered by 15 Kt-R 5, 14... Kt×Kt by 15 Q×Kt, Kt×B; 16 Kt-R 5. So Black's best is 15... Kt-Kt 3, leaving him two Pawns behind. Or 14... P-B 3; 15 Kt×Kt, Kt×R; 16 Kt-K 6. Or 15 Kt-K 6 first.

(6) Black has an easily decisive advantage.

(7) The *Handbuch* gives 11... P×P; 12 Kt-Q 3. Instead 12 Q-Q 2 gives White a good game. With the text Black wins a piece. If 12 B×P, Q-R 4 ch. Or B-Kt 3, P-B 5. Also if 12 B-Q 3, P-B 5 and White's best is Kt×Q B P, as B-K 4 is answered by P-B 4.

(8) Much better than R-R 2.

(9) An improvement over P×P at once.

(10) Kt-B 3 is also feasible.

(11) Black has at least a playable game, which he hardly obtained in the usual line beginning 9... P×P.

NEWS FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

There are about 100 outstanding subscriptions for 1926; and it would be a real help to the Editorial board if these could be received with as little delay as possible. If the reader of these lines is one of those who have not yet sent, may we say to him in the words of the poet—"Do it now"?

The County Championship.—The first round of the Midland Counties Championship has produced the following results: Shropshire beat Nottinghamshire, 7—6; Leicestershire beat Northants 10½—3½ (one game unfinished); Oxford and Worcester scored 5½ each, but as there are six games to be adjudicated we will defer the score till next month.

Notts were not at full strength in their match with Shropshire:

SHROPSHIRE.				NOTTS.			
1	F. Clayton (W.)	..	½	J. W. Broadbent	..	½	½
2	Rev. W. R. Greenhalgh	..	1	J. N. Derbyshire	..	0	0
3	F. Smart	..	0	F. J. Hingley	..	1	1
4	E. Groom	..	0	C. L. Haddon	..	1	1
5	D. E. MacNab	..	0	A. Green	..	1	1
6	P. G. Perry	..	1	G. E. Argyle	..	0	0
7	F. W. Forrest	..	½	C. N. Rushton	..	½	½
8	W. H. Smith	..	1	G. L. Moore	..	0	0
9	A. Cragg	..	½	C. Fenner	..	½	½
10	Rev. W. Benson	..	0	F. Newell	..	1	1
11	H. Boston	..	½	H. M. Sheppard	..	½	½
12	W. E. Baddeley	..	1	T. E. Wright	..	0	0
13	C. H. Greenhalgh	..	1	C. I. Fretton	..	0	0
7				6			

E. Znosko-Borovsky, the Russian master, has nearly concluded a two months' tour in England. At a simultaneous at Manchester on Friday, October 29th, he had a strong team against him, the top boards of several clubs turning up by invitation. Out of 30 games played the master won 15, drew 11, and lost 4 (Arthur Eva, T. Midgley, Miss Ogden, of the Manchester Ladies C.C., and D. N. Simon). Of the three consultation games played on the following evening, a pair of members at each board (1) W. A. Fairhurst and Arthur Eva, (2) Professor R. Robinson and W. Turner, (3) B. Cohen and D. Joseph, the club drew one and three and lost two. After three weeks in Lancashire he received an invitation to Edinburgh where he had made himself very popular as a teacher at the August Congress, and then proceeded to Glasgow.

He then travelled to Shrewsbury for two displays and followed this up by successive visits to Newcastle, Leeds, Wakefield and Caterham.

Southern Counties.—Middlesex beat Essex by 13—7 in the Championship and by 32—18 in the Amboyna Shield competition.

These figures reflect the strength of the Middlesex combination, but fail to do justice to the very sturdy effort put up by Essex. The latter were well represented and contested every inch of the ground.

MIDDLESEX.					ESSEX.				
1	V. Buerger	..	..	..	1	F. Nettleton	..	..	0
2	W. Winter	..	..	..	1	E. J. Price	..	..	0
3	M. E. Goldstein	..	..	..	0	E. W. Osler	..	..	1
4	H. Saunders	..	..	..	1	E. J. Randall	..	..	0
5	B. E. Siegheim	..	..	..	1	E. G. Twitchett	..	..	0
6	R. F. Goldstein	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. O. Woodfield	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
7	J. H. Morrison	..	..	..	1	Victor Rush	..	..	0
8	W. H. Regan	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	G. A. Shoobridge	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
9	A. E. Mercer	..	..	..	1	J. G. Hayes	..	..	0
10	Dr. Duncan	..	..	..	0	G. Freeman	..	..	1
11	S. Y. Harwich	..	..	..	1	W. H. Taylor	..	..	0
12	P. W. Sergeant	..	..	..	1	C. A. Thorogood	..	..	0
13	A. West	..	..	..	0	F. J. Whitmarsh	..	..	1
14	W. H. Watts	..	..	..	0	F. A. Sisley	..	..	1
15	J. W. Morling	..	..	..	0	E. W. Hart	..	..	1
16	W. Jones	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Aylmer Maude	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
17	E. Billen	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. C. Harvey	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
18	A. G. Kershaw	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	R. H. Bayley	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
19	T. E. Cadby	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. J. Gibbs	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$
20	W. S. Wallis	..	..	..	1	W. G. Elsmore	..	..	0
					13				
Other Boards					19	Other Boards			
					32				

Hertfordshire have inflicted two defeats on Bedfordshire ; at St. Albans on October 30th, and at Luton on November 13th, the figures for the former being 12—4, and for the latter 12—5.

HERTFORDSHIRE.					BEDFORDSHIRE.				
1	Sir Edgar Wigram	..	..	½	W. Church	..	..	..	½
2	A. G. Fellows	..	..	I	R. H. Rushton	..	..	..	0
3	L. S. Penrose	..	..	½	S. W. Dickens	..	..	..	½
4	G. T. Womack	..	..	I	F. Dickens	..	..	..	0
5	G. E. Marler	..	..	I	L. H. Knight	..	..	..	0
6	W. Hatton Ward	..	..	I	L. G. White	..	..	..	0
7	R. E. Webb	..	..	I	Default	..	..	..	0
8	A. E. Cozens	..	..	0	J. W. Thorburn	..	..	..	I
9	C. K. Trotter	..	..	½	F. Baulk	..	..	..	0
10	L. H. Bush	..	..	I	E. Schefer	..	..	..	½
11	C. A. Bunce	..	..	I	Oscar Browne	..	..	..	0
12	C. T. Alderton	..	..	½	J. T. Needham	..	..	..	½
13	A. H. Knight	..	..	0	A. B. Oliver	..	..	..	I
14	A. J. A. Goetzee	..	..	I	H. O. White	..	..	..	0
15	S. G. Hughes	..	..	I	M. Moody	..	..	..	0
16	G. S. Wallis	..	..	0	T. W. Bale	..	..	..	I
17	H. Jacobsen	..	..	I	Gordon Hales	..	..	..	0
12					5				

Cornwall were quite out of luck in their match with Devon on November 13th, and lost by 14—2.

DEVON.					CORNWALL.				
1	T. Taylor	..	..	0	H. A. Adamson	..	..	1	
2	H. J. H. Cope	..	..	1	J. B. Bear	..	..	0	
3	H. V. Mallison (by default)	..	..	1	A. C. Groom (by default)	..	..	0	
4	J. B. Goodman	..	..	1	J. G. Wilson	..	..	0	
5	F. Pitt-Fox	..	..	1	J. B. Elamm	..	..	0	
6	A. B. Treloar	..	..	1	Rev. C. J. Harper	..	..	0	
7	H. J. Stretton	..	..	1	G. O. Redfearn	..	..	0	
8	Dr. Lander	..	..	1	F. Roberts	..	..	0	
9	Rev. A. Seymour	..	..	1	W. E. Grenfell	..	..	0	
10	W. Wall	..	..	½	F. Hockham	..	..	½	
11	A. H. Hart	..	..	1	W. Gray	..	..	0	
12	Rev. J. Smith	..	..	½	H. T. Robinson	..	..	½	
13	M. Langdon	..	..	1	G. H. Walker	..	..	0	
14	W. Ward	..	..	1	J. E. Dobell	..	..	0	
15	A. Partridge	..	..	1	H. J. Grenfell	..	..	0	
16	R. S. Stoneman	..	..	1	W. H. Foott	..	..	0	
14					2				

* To be adjudicated.

Hampshire beat Dorsetshire by 13—3. It was very unlucky for E. L. Raymond (who got together the Dorset team) that he was too ill to play after all his plucky efforts to keep the Dorset Association above water. Dorset have had to scratch the return match and fears are expressed that this County will soon cease to be a chess unit.

Somerset just succeeded with their old rivals Gloucestershire, and won their first encounter by 8½—7½, as follows:—

SOMERSET.					GLOUCESTERSHIRE.				
1	Capt. P. D. Bolland	..	..	½	H. P. Parsbo	..	..	..	½
2	R. M. Norman	..	..	½	H. M. Cuttle	..	..	..	½
3	H. Parsons	..	..	*0	C. Mansfield	..	..	..	*1
4	Rev. E. W. Poynton	..	..	*0	C. Welch	..	..	..	*1
5	Dr. E. I. Cave	..	..	½	D. S. Hole	..	..	..	½
6	G. Breakwell	..	..	½	C. E. Jackman	..	..	..	½
7	J. L. Palmer	..	..	½	S. W. Viveash	..	..	..	½
8	Comm. R. D. Graham	..	..	1	A. J. Nutt	..	..	..	0
9	D. Campbell	..	..	0	C. E. Scutt	..	..	..	1
10	F. R. Hill	..	..	1	F. R. Rickman	..	..	..	0
11	B. T. Barker	..	..	½	H. R. Berry	..	..	..	½
12	F. Melluish	..	..	1	A. W. Martin	..	..	..	0
13	G. Gordon	..	..	1	H. Byrnes	..	..	..	0
14	G. F. Spencer	..	..	0	A. C. Steadman	..	..	..	1
15	A. Dawson	..	..	1	P. Gale	..	..	..	0
16	W. J. Titley	..	..	½	G. W. Powell	..	..	..	½
8½					* After adjudication.				
					7½				

Middlesex County Cup.—Hampstead beat Twickenham by 5—3, and Claremont beat Ealing by the same score.

Middlesex County Individual Championship. Entries for the 1927 competition are now invited and should be sent, together with an entrance fee of five shillings, to the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Meek, 20 Claremont Road, Highgate, N.6., on or before 1st January, 1927. Competitors must be qualified either by (1) birth in the county or (2) at least three months' residence immediately preceding date of entry. The competition is on the "knock-out" system, until the final pool, in which the last four players left in and the present holder, play one game with each other. The winner is entitled to play at top board in county matches, and receives the county gold medal.

Middlesex Clubs.—All clubs whose meeting place is within the geographical area of the county are earnestly invited to affiliate to the county association. This should be a matter of loyalty and as the affiliation fee is a purely nominal one (2/6 for every 30 members) it is hoped that every club, not already affiliated, will apply to the hon. secretary (as above) for a membership form and copies of the county handbook.

The Middlesex County Chess Association having accepted the invitation of *The Referee* for a correspondence match, a total of 63 boards has been arranged for.

The pairing has been satisfactorily completed, and the teams are now actively engaged in securing a result.

The officers of Cambridge University Chess Club for the coming season are: President, M. A. Vernon (Trinity); vice-president, R. C. Weaver (Corpus Christi); hon. secretary, P. S. Milner-Barry (Trinity); assistant treasurer, V. Coates (Sidney Sussex); extra committee man, J. A. Herrick (Pembroke).

The first match was played on November 6th, and in this the visiting team of the United Banks was defeated by the odd game.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.					UNITED BANKS.				
1	P. S. Milner-Barry	..	..	‡	W. Jones	..	..	..	‡
2	V. Coates	..	..	‡	H. G. Excell	..	..	..	‡
3	J. A. Herrick	..	..	‡	H. Leffler	..	..	..	‡
4	A. H. Wilson	..	..	1	R. Hitchcox	..	..	..	0
5	M. A. Vernon	..	..	1	J. Whicker	..	..	..	0
6	R. L. Mitchell	..	..	1	G. S. Foulkes	..	..	..	0
7	J. E. Pepper	..	..	1	P. P. Johnson	..	..	..	0
8	J. D. Solomon	..	..	0	J. L. Poston	..	..	..	1
9	E. N. Fox	..	..	1	J. A. Soar	..	..	..	0
10	W. E. Gladstone	..	..	‡	R. G. Morley	..	..	..	‡
11	M. G. Kendall	..	..	0	G. Devine	..	..	..	1
12	W. S. Winscom	..	..	0	J. B. Hart	..	..	..	1
13	F. F. Turnbull	..	..	0	A. L. Fletcher	..	..	..	1
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F. D. Yates and E. Colle will compete with possibly Dr. Tartakover to complete the tournament.

Four good foreign players have been invited for the Major Open Tournament to make this a really first class event, so now is a splendid opportunity for six good English players to get some valuable practice.

If these are forthcoming, a Major Open Reserve Tournament will be run in addition to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd class. Entries should go to F. H. Riley, 7 Carlisle Parade, Hastings.

Brighton v. Hastings.—The Brighton Chess Club visited Hastings on November 6th, for a match of 21 boards, the result being Brighton 11½, Hastings 9½—a fine performance for the visitors. Scores:—

BRIGHTON.					HASTINGS.				
1	Rev. E. Griffiths	..	..	I	G. M. Norman	..	..	..	0
2	J. Storr Best	..	..	0	E. M. Jackson	..	..	..	I
3	H. L. Crawford	..	..	0	J. A. J. Drewitt	..	..	..	I
4	J. H. Jones	..	..	I	J. A. Watt	..	..	..	0
5	Castle Leaver	..	..	0	Miss Menchik	..	..	..	I
6	C. J. A. Wade	..	..	I	H. E. Dobell	..	..	..	0
7	J. Chandler	..	..	I	H. W. Hore	..	..	..	0
8	G. V. Butler	..	..	I	E. G. Taylor	..	..	..	0
9	A. T. Watson	..	..	I	L. A. J. Glyde	..	..	..	0
10	W. Beattie	..	..	0	E. A. Lewcock	..	..	..	I
11	D. H. Caw	..	..	½	Miss Ruchon	..	..	..	½
12	G. E. Smith	..	..	½	P. T. Perry	..	..	..	½
13	H. S. Fooks	..	..	0	V. S. Ward	..	..	..	I
14	E. Boom	..	..	½	H. V. Bonham	..	..	..	½
15	J. Enves	..	..	½	T. Moody	..	..	..	½
16	W. Willett	..	..	½	W. E. Leffler	..	..	..	½
17	W. A. Jones	..	..	0	W. G. Watson	..	..	..	I
18	F. Trafford	..	..	½	Miss Musgrave	..	..	..	½
19	L. B. Hunt	..	..	I	S. F. Dalladay	..	..	..	0
20	G. D. Self	..	..	½	Capt. McMullon	..	..	..	½
21	Miss Home	..	..	I	L. S. Hanson Powter	..	..	..	0
11½					9½				

We note with great pleasure that the very pleasant chess gatherings at the Craigside Hydro are to be re-commenced. The next meeting will be from January 21st to 24th, and anyone who wants a nice week-end at a delightful rendezvous of chess players should obtain particulars from Mr. Arthur Firth, the hon. secretary.

F. D. Yates has been awarded the prize of £2, for the best played game in the two tournaments recently held at the City Club, by the judges, R. P. Mitchell and R. C. Griffith, for his game with Saunders, which we hope to give in the January number.

We give three results in the Edwin Woodhouse Cup Competition and our thanks are due to J. Croysdale for pointing out that the picture we gave was of the Second Woodhouse Cup, won outright by Sheffield

last year, whereas the Cup competed for now is the original dating back to the 'eighties. We apologise for the error, but it's all in the family.

LEEDS.						ROTHERHAM.					
1	P. Wenman	..	..	..	I	E. J. Griffith	..	..	..	0	
2	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	I	A. R. Fleming	..	..	..	0	
3	F. Schofield	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	W. Davy	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
4	G. Pollard	..	..	..	I	F. Davy	..	..	..	0	
5	C. Sandberg	..	..	..	I	M. Drohan	..	..	..	0	
6	J. B. Oates	..	..	..	I	E. Gardiner	..	..	..	0	
7	H. Wortley	..	..	..	0	G. Askew	..	..	..	I	
8	C. Prescott	..	..	..	I	S. P. Ludbrook	..	..	..	0	
9	C. G. Addingley	..	..	..	I	B. H. Oliver	..	..	..	0	
10	P. Crotty	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	S. McDonald	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
8						2					

this as above. The Association decided, with the consent of the donors that neither of these trophies can be won outright. The Association also runs an Individual Open Knock-out Tournament. It has also joined as an Association the *Yorkshire Observer* Competition (locally known as the "Minor Trophy.") Another step in the right direction which the Association has taken is becoming affiliated to the Yorkshire County Chess Association.

Leeds guaranteed the Yorkshire Association the sum of £50 towards their share of the £350, which is being raised to provide the annual subscription to the B.C.F. and Bradford has promised a like amount. The Leeds contributions are well on their way and I believe Bradford's are likewise.

The Leeds team scored a fine win on November 6th, when ten of them travelled to Manchester and defeated a strong Liverpool contingent by 6—3 with one game for adjudication. Score :

LEEDS.					LIVERPOOL.						
1	P. Wenman	..	..	..	I	H. G. Rhodes	..	..	..	0	
2	F. Schofield	..	..	..	I	Dr. H. Holmes	..	..	..	0	
3	A. C. Ivimy	..	..	..	0	E. Spencer	..	..	..	I	
4	G. Pollard	..	..	..	½	C. Y. C. Dawbarn	..	..	..	½	
5	J. Croysdale	..	..	..	I	Rev. H. Peach	..	..	..	0	
6	W. F. Curtis	..	..	..	I	W. R. Thomas	..	..	..	0	
7	C. G. Addingley	..	..	..	*	H. Kearne	..	..	..	*	
8	F. Cass	..	..	..	I	N. W. Jones	..	..	..	0	
9	W. Skirrow	..	..	..	0	R. J. Broadbent	..	..	..	I	
10	J. T. Watson	..	..	..	½	C. A. Sabam	..	..	..	½	
					6						3

* To be adjudicated.

Edinburgh Ladies' Chess Club.—Mr. E. Znosko-Borovsky paid a visit to Edinburgh in November. He was invited by the Edinburgh Ladies' Chess Club for a week, during which time he held three classes daily at the Club. His lectures were most instructive; he first analysed various openings, and later passed on to the middle game, of which he has made a special study. His methods, on a scientific basis, opened out new lines of play, the elements of force, time and space being specially insisted on as necessary to a well played game. The classes were very well attended, and aroused great enthusiasm among the members of the Club. Some consultation games were also played. It is believed that this is the only time that a chess master has been engaged for a course of lectures by an Edinburgh Chess Club.

There are fifty-one entries this season in the three divisions of the Club Competition. Several matches have already been played, and in the Spens cup matches the Club has been drawn to play Gourrock Chess Club in the first round.

It is hoped to play the postponed girl's tournament during the Christmas holidays.

The Second Annual Girls' Championship will take place at the Imperial Chess Club, 62 Brook Street, London, W., commencing

on January 11th and lasting till the 16th. The winner will hold the Challenge Cup presented by Lady Margaret Hamilton-Russell, and there will be other prizes. Entries should be sent to Mrs. Arthur Rawson, president of the Imperial Chess Club.

It has been reluctantly decided not to hold a Congress in Cambridge this year on account of the great volume of chess enterprise throughout the country.

Hamilton-Russell Cup.—The following are results to date: Authors beat Athenæum, 5—1; British Empire beat Athenæum, 4—2; Junior Constitutional drew with Savile, 3 all; National Liberal beat Conservative, 6—0 and Constitutional, $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$; R.A.C. beat both Carlton and British Empire, $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$.

The match between the R.A.C. and the Carlton Clubs was interesting from the fact that it was the first chess match the Carlton Club have ever played. Unfortunately they could not command their best team as two of their strongest players (Lord Dunsany and Sir Watson Rutherford) were out of England.

ROYAL AUTOMOBILE.						CARLTON.					
1	R. Eastman	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	Sir Edward Wigram	..	..	..	$\frac{1}{2}$	
2	L. Kirk Greene	..	..	..	0	Sir Richard Barnett	..	..	..	1	
3	E. Titley	..	..	..	1	H. Underdown	..	..	..	0	
4	Capt. P. Titley	..	..	..	1	Sir Assheton Pownall	..	..	..	0	
5	F. Hodge	..	..	..	1	J. W. W. Hopkins	..	..	..	0	
6	P. S. Harding	..	..	..	1	A. N. Streatfeild	..	..	..	0	
4 $\frac{1}{2}$						1 $\frac{1}{2}$					

The present position of the Clubs in the London Commercial Chess League, is as follows :—

FIRST DIVISION.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Ps.
Shell Mex	4	4	0	0	4
St. Helen's Court	4	3	1	0	3½
Union Castle	3	2	0	1	2
Morton's	4	2	0	2	2
R.M.S.P.	4	2	0	2	2
Motor Union	3	1	1	1	1½
Nestanglo	3	1	1	1	1½
Britannic House	3	1	0	2	1
Bowrings	3	1	0	2	1
Lloyds	3	1	0	2	1
Mex	3	1	0	2	1
P.L.A.	4	1	0	3	1
St. Katharines	3	0	1	2	½

SECOND DIVISION.

	P.	W.	N.	L.	Ps.
P.L.A. II	3	3	0	0	3
Bonnington I	3	2	1	0	2½
Union Castle II	2	2	0	0	2
Sedgwick Collins I	2	1	1	0	1½
Nestanglo II	3	1	1	1	1½
Shell Mex II	2	0	2	0	1
Lloyds II	3	1	0	2	1
Cornhill II	2	0	1	1	½
Morton's II	2	0	1	1	½
Motor Union II	3	0	1	2	½
R.M.S.P. II	3	0	0	3	0

It is very gratifying to see this excellent competition so well supported and shows among other things how much the Clubs appreciate the work of their president, J. A. Miles, and their secretary, R. W. Baylis.

The Imperial Chess Club have been successful in their two latest efforts. On October 26th they won by 19-11 versus the Lensbury Chess Club. The match was played in the handsome old English games room of the Lensbury Club in Finsbury Circus and the team was most hospitably entertained by the genial president, Mr. J. A. Miles.

Saturday, November 13th saw the Imperial team at Cambridge, where they scored an excellent win from the varsity players by 8-5. Full score :—

IMPERIAL.

1 Dr. V. H. Rutherford	0
2 M. Demby	½
3 E. H. Church	1
4 A. Rutherford	1
5 J. A. Miles	½
6 J. G. W. Woods	1
7 Mrs. Stevenson	1
8 J. F. Chance	0
9 Capt. the Hon. A. Lowther	0
10 Miss Chater	1
11 M. E. Hughes-Hughes	0
12 Wynnard Hooper	1
13 V. Soanes	1

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P. S. Milner-Barry (Trinity) ..	1
V. Coates (Sidney Sussex) ..	½
J. A. Herrick (Pembroke) ..	0
A. H. Wilson (Emmanuel) ..	0
R. C. Weaver (Clare)	½
W. E. Gladstone (Sid. Sussex)	0
R. L. Mitchell (Trinity)	0
J. E. Pepper (St. John's) ..	1
E. N. Fox (Pembroke)	1
J. D. Solomon (Trinity)	0
W. S. Winscom (Peterhouse) ..	1
E. H. Gordon (St. John's) ..	0
M. G. Kendall (St. John's) ..	0

The Poor Law Officers' Correspondence Chess Association have just concluded another successful season. The final positions in the handicap tourney are as follows: J. Foley 1st (holds the silver cup for 1926-27), T. F. Prangnell 2nd, C. S. Burton 3rd (silver medals as runners-up), G. D. Fenn wins the president's prize (£1), given to the member who scores most wins in combined tourney and match games each year; C. S. Ashley obtains Mr. Foley's prize for the player scoring most losses! There is still room for any Poor Law Officer to join for this season. Full particulars from T. F. Prangnell, 5 St. Paul's Road, London, S.E.17, or C. S. Burton, 10 Ramsey Road, Thornton Heath.

Islington Club.—The new headquarters are the Highbury Institute, Laycock Street, N.1 (near Highbury Corner). The club meets every Friday throughout the year from 7—10-30 p.m., and has been able to reduce its subscription considerably. Prospective members are welcomed any meeting night. On November 19th Mr. F. D. Yates gave a simultaneous display winning 19, drawing 4 and losing 1 to Mrs. Jones, the only lady member taking part. The players who secured draws were Messrs. R. C. Pritchard, E. V. Strugnell, B. Cares and W. B. Callow.

City of London Championship.—After the fifth round the leading scores in the City of London Championship were: E. T. Jesty $3\frac{1}{2}$ (4), H. Saunders $3\frac{1}{2}$ (6), Sir G. A. Thomas and J. P. Savage 3 (4), M. E. Goldstein $2\frac{1}{2}$ (4), F. F. L. Alexander, J. H. Blake, R. P. Michell, R. C. J. Walker $2\frac{1}{2}$ each (5), E. G. Sergeant $2\frac{1}{2}$ (6). So keen is the fight that only two players, Jesty and Thomas, remain undefeated.

LONDON LEAGUE RESULTS TO DATE.

Wood Green	beat	Athenaeum	..	..	..	..	..	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Battersea	..	Islington	..	..	..	..	..	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Battersea	..	Metropolitan	..	..	..	..	..	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Battersea	..	Wood Green	..	..	..	..	..	14	6
Brixton	..	Bohemians	..	..	..	..	..	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Brixton	..	Wood Green	..	..	..	..	..	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hampstead	..	Islington	..	..	..	..	..	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hampstead	..	Lewisham	..	..	..	..	..	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hampstead	..	Leyton	..	..	..	..	..	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lewisham	..	Leyton	..	..	..	..	..	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lud Eagle	..	Islington	..	..	..	..	..	11	9
North London	..	Bohemians	..	..	..	..	..	13	7
North London	..	Islington	..	..	..	..	..	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
West London	..	Bohemians	..	..	..	..	..	12	8
West London	..	Islington	..	..	..	..	..	13	7
Wood Green	..	Athenaeum	..	..	..	..	..	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Metropolitan	beat	Lewisham	..	..	..	..	..	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Metropolitan	drew with	Athenaeum	..	..	..	..	..	10	10

THE BRITISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

All communications respecting these pages should be addressed to the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Bardsley, "The Chelms," Nuns Moor Crescent, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne. New members will be welcomed at any time, and games can be arranged at once in the Handicap Tourney. Our *Year Book*, just issued, is on sale to non-members at 9d. post free.

Members will be very pleased to hear that F. D. Yates, British Chess champion, is now our adjudicator; and that H. E. Atkins, ex-champion, has kindly consented to act as hon. annotator.

Our match captain, L. Illingworth, The Ways End, Foxton, Royston, Herts., says that in the Anglo-Irish match, some of our players who lose, do not inform him, and states he desires to receive scores of all games, whatever the result, in matches.

Anglo-Irish Match Results.—Ditcham beat O'Callaghan (25), Williams lost Jacobs (48), Houghton lost McLaughlin (70), Harper beat MacFionnlaoich (23), Luckock beat Dalton (10), Fox beat MacEanraigh (85), T. P. Jones beat Moodie (9), Bardsley beat Pilsworth (27), W. Madgin beat Donnegan (76), Rev. Nickol beat Dunne (51), F. W. Clarke beat W. J. Allen (3), Rev. Mogg lost Bremner (52), Derlien beat Keane (77), Jameson drew Bowden (50), J. W. Brown lost Gormley (73).

Jersey Match.—This match has just concluded with four games for adjudication. The score without these four results is $11\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ in our favour, which means we have won the match. See *Year Book*.

Trophy Results.—Class 1a: Bussell drew Dr. Steadman. Class 3a: Hollingdale beat Hamilton. Class 4a: Sullivan drew Spicer. Class 5: Mack beat Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Knockout Tourney.—In last month's *B.C.M.* we stated P. Armitage had lost to Dr. McDonald in old knockout. The former states that this is not so, although we were informed of this result by card. It appears the game is just commencing. A few players seem to carry on their games when they are a piece, or two pieces down. We should be glad if they would resign in these cases, and thus save unnecessary delay. The position of the New Knock-out is as follows: Round 1 proper (Gold Medal Section)—Steele v. Richardson, Lawrence v. Armitage, Lesser v. West, Kennedy v. Parsons, Tapsfield v. Bussell, McDonnell v. Rynders (Rynders won), Chambers v. Rapley, Ward v. Snook, Jayne v. Coole, Major Jones v. Darby. Silver Medal Section: Kitchener v. Tyzack, Harper v. Miss Eveling, Terry v. Murray, Duffell v. Boutland (Duffell won), Browning v. Griffin, Porch v. Bardsley (Bardsley won), Clarke v. Shelton, Oldfield v. Berg, Wilcox v. Brayne (Wilcox won).

Handicap Results.—Bardsley beat Milburn.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINIONS AND FOREIGN LANDS

South Africa.—Mr. L. Edgcumbe points out that we were in error in stating, in our August issue, that he was one of the newcomers in the late S.A. championship tournament, as he competed at Durban in 1924, taking fourth place and a prize. We apologise. We believe that we took the statement from a S.A. exchange, unfortunately without stopping to verify it.

An inter-town match between Durban and Maritzburg on October 4th ended in a win for the former by $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$. L. Pierce and R. J. Gibbs drew their games on the first board.

The Durban C.C. held its 33rd annual general meeting on September 28th, when L. Pierce was elected president, and H. Fairbridge re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer.

In the championship contest at the Durban C.C., to which we referred last month, P. E. Powter tied for second place with J. C. Archer, junr., making an identical score of 5 wins, 2 draws, and 2 losses.

Kenya Colony.—A match at Mombasa in September between teams of three-a-side, representing the European and the Indian players, was won by the Europeans by 2—1. On the top board A. H. Spencer-Palmer beat K. Rehman.

United States.—Frank Marshall opened the winter season at the club named after him, on the night of October 6th, with one of the best simultaneous displays of his career. He met 24 opponents, and in little over $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours beat them all.

The two brilliancy prizes in the Western championship at Chicago have been awarded, on Marshall's adjudication, to C. W. Phillips (v. L. H. Wight) and H. Steiner (v. C. F. Elison).

There is a report of a four-round tournament to be held in New York next year, with Capablanca, Alekhine, Bogoljuboff, Nimzovitch, Marshall and Spielmann as the six competitors.

Italy.—*L' Italia Scacchistica* for November publishes as frontispiece an excellent portrait-group of the players in the recent Milan tournament—which, by the way, was not an entirely national one, Patay and Seitz being foreigners. The result was therefore all the more gratifying to the Italian players, who won all the five prizes.

A. Sacconi, the victor, has challenged the Marquis Rosselli del Turco to a match for the championship of Italy, to which the holder of the title has agreed.

The major tournament at Milan was won by A. de Alimonda, of Trieste, with a score of 8 wins and 2 draws.

Yet another master tournament, Italy's third this year, is due to begin at Meran on the 3rd inst. Eight prizes, of 4,000, 3,000, 2,000, 1,500, 1,000, 500 and 400 lire respectively, are offered.

The entry of E. D. Bogoljuboff was secured early. The other players expected are E. Grünfeld, R. Spielmann, S. Tartakover, D.

Janowski, A. Patay, S. Rosselli del Turco, E. Canal (the Peruvian master, for some time past resident in Italy), and F. D. Yates.

The Circolo Scacchistico Romano has amalgamated with the Accademia Romana degli Scacchi, to the advantage of chess in Rome, it is hoped.

Belgium.—We refer to the Ghent tournament elsewhere.

The third tournament in Brussels, organised by *L'Echiquier*, October 3rd-16th, has been won by G. Koltanowski, with the fine score of 10½ out of 11. He was followed by I. Censer (9½), A. Tackels (8½), the rest being far behind.

Germany.—At Hamburg on October 7th, A. Nimzovitch and H. Wagner had a little match at simultaneous chess, each player meeting the same 26 opponents, who therefore had two games each to play at once. Nimzovitch scored 15 wins, 5 draws, and 6 losses; Wagner 12 wins, 11 draws, and 3 losses—the total being in both cases 17½—8½ in favour of the master.

Bremen drew with a visiting team from Amsterdam on October 10th, the score being 4—4. Euwe on the top board beat Carls, but on the second board Hülse equalised by beating Davidson.

A masters' tournament began in Berlin on November 17th with the following entries: Rubinstein, Grünfeld, Spielmann, Mieses, Sämisch, Bogoljuboff, Colle, P. Johner, Ahues and List. Sir George Thomas was invited to compete, but was unable to accept the invitation.

Russia.—In the final pool of the north-western group of the All-Russian Chess Federation, which finished in October, E. Rabinovitch came out first with a score of 8 (5 wins and 3 draws). A. Iljin-Zenevsky (7½) and M. Bottvinik (6½) took second and third prizes, the remaining players being A. Model (3½), E. Golubeff (2½), and M. Kagan (2).

Sweden.—At Stockholm on November 6th-7th, a double-round 12-board match was played between the home side and a visiting team from Leningrad. On the first day the score was 6 all, on the second 6½—5½ in favour of the Russians, who thus won by 12½—11½. A. Iljin-Zenevsky beat G. Nyholm on the top board by 1½—½.

Denmark.—The triple tie—for first place in the last national championship at Sonderborg was decided on November 7th, when Erik Andersen beat O. Larsen. A. Kier was unable to play. Andersen is therefore Danish champion for 1926.

Jugoslavia.—The *Sahovski Glasnik*, of Zagreb, draws attention to the fact that in our September issue we put a paragraph relating to Zagreb under the heading Czecho-Slovakia. Our only excuse is that the item was inserted at the last moment, when such accidents do sometimes occur.

Chess in the Dutch Indies is certainly a cosmopolitan game. In the September number of the *Tydschrift* (Weltevreden, Java) we note the record of the death of a Chinese player, Liem Tjoe Bo, who in 1925 won the first chess tournament at the Soerabaia C.C.; and in another column is given the result of the first class tournament at the Djokja C.C., The Hong Oe, another Chinese, taking first prize, while Hadji Djaäfar took second, and a boy of 12, by name Snaauw (which appears Dutch), a special prize.

The following game was played last year in the "analytical" correspondence tournament of the *Słowo Polskie*. In the *Wiener Schachzeitung* V. Geier, of Vloclavek, publishes it, with some analysis of the opening moves. He calls the *début* the "Lemberg Gambit," but acknowledges that it is to be found in Cook's *Compendium*, p. 288, in the game Miniati-Jones, where it is called the "Tennison Gambit." Perhaps one of our readers can tell us where and when the game Miniati-Jones was played (? at the St. George's Chess Club) and why the opening moves were called the "Tennison Gambit."

GAME No. 5,769.

Tennison Gambit.

WHITE		BLACK			
S. GORAVSKI		A. Z. SKARSZEWSKI		7	Q Kt×P
1	Kt—K B 3	1	P—Q 4	8	Kt×Kt ch
2	P—K 4			9	Q—R 5
The move constituting the gambit.				10	P×B
		2	P×P	11	P—Q 3
.....In a correspondence game, Hampstead v. Cambridge, Black played P—Q 5, but got a bad position out of it.				12	Q—R 4
3	Kt—Kt 5	3	P—K 4	13	B—Kt 3
.....Miniati-Jones continued P—K B 4, which is inferior.				14	P×Kt
4	P—K R 4	4	B—K 2	15	Q×Q
.....In his synopsis of the opening moves Geier gives as the best continuation 4... Kt—Q B 3; 5 B—B 4, Kt—R 3; 6 Kt—Q B 3, B—K Kt 5; 7 P—B 3, P×P; 8 P×P, B—R 4; 9 P—Q 3, B—B 4; 10 Q Kt—K 4—where he leaves it, without comment.				16	B—B 4
5	Kt—Q B 3	5	Kt—K B 3	17	K—Q 2
6	B—B 4	6	Castles	18	K R—K 1
				19	R×R
				20	B—K 5
				21	B×Q P
				22	B—Kt 6
				23	R—R 5
				24	R×R
				25	K—K 3
				26	K—B 4
				27	B—Q 4
				28	P—K B 3
				7	Kt—B 3
				8	B×Kt
				9	B×Kt
				10	B—B 4
				11	B—Kt 3
				12	Kt—R 4
				13	Kt×B
				14	Q—Q 5
				15	P×Q
				16	P—Q B 3
				17	K R—K 1
				18	R—K 3
				19	P×R
				20	P—Q R 3
				21	R—Q 1
				22	R—Q 4
				23	R—Kt 4
				24	R P×R
				25	K—B 2
				26	K—K 2
				27	B—R 4
					Resigns

.....The opposite colours of the two Bishops are of no avail in a case like this. Black could prolong the game; but it would not be worth the postage.

With regard to the ending Monticelli-Reti, given in our last issue—where the flaw in Herr Müller's analysis is that 30 Q—K 1 is *not* White's correct move, but 30 P×Kt, with the continuation R×R ch; 31 B—B 1, leaving White with two minor pieces for R and P—Mr. H. Hosey Davis points out that in his column in the *Bristol Observer* of September 18th, he noted the failure of the move 29... Kt×K P.

CHESS NOTES AND PROBLEMS

(Continued from page 699).

The solutions of problems Nos. 29 and 30 (page 452 of the October number) are as follows: 29, as explained on page 699, there should have been no Pawn on Q 2, but, alas, the White Pawn and King should be at Q 7 and K 6 respectively; as given there is no problem. This is a sad ending to these notes; I apologise humbly to readers and solvers. The problem as I meant to have given it, was from a game between Bernstein and Niemzovitch and is a win for White by 1 K—B 6, P—Kt 4; 2 R—B 2, P—Kt 3; 3 K—K 7, R—R 2 ch; 4 K—Q 6, R—R 3 ch; 5 K—Q 5, R—R 4 ch; 6 K—B 6, R—R 1; 7 R—Q 2! R—Q 1; 8 R—K 2 or 2... P—Kt 5; 3 R—K R 2! R×R; 4 P—Q 8=Q ch, K—R 2; 5 Q—R 5 ch, K—Kt 1; 6 Q—K 5 ch. Or 2... R—Kt 1; 3 R—K 2, K—B 2; 4 R—K 8. If 1... R—Kt 1; 2 R—K 1!

80, An end game by I. Behting is a win for White by 1 P—K 7, K—B 2; 2 K—B 3! P—B 3!; 3 K—B 4, P—B 4; 4 K—K 4, K—K 1; 5 K—Q 3, K—B 2; 6 K—B 4, K—K 1; 7 K×P, P—Q 6; 8 K—Q 6, P—Q 7; 9 K—K 6, P—Q 8=Q; 10 P—B 7 mate. Those who thought this was a draw should study the solution carefully.

"Nemo" climbs to the top in the Seniors with 158, 8, 166; "Cradock" 156, 8, 164; "T.E.S." 146, 8, 154; "Gambit" 137, 7, 144; "Cic" 126, 3, 129; "Persequere" 105, 3, 108; "Eze" 27/30, 89, 6, 6,—, 7, 108; "Hack" 91, 3, 94; "A.M." 61, 4, 65; "Castles Q R" 48, 10, 58; "Sirius (1)" 53, 3, 56; "Beta" (1) 38, 8, 46; "Clare" 33, 3, 36. In the Juniors "Nigger" wins with 107, 9, 116; "Chess" 104, 5, 109; "Particles" 100, 2, 102; "Knowsley" (1) 88, 5, 93; "Patlander" 71, 3, 74; "Plachutta" 66, 4, 70; "Delta" 48, 3, 51; "Stalemate" (1) —, 3, 3. Two new solvers in Rev Canon Baldwin who solved 30, practically correctly, and "Crecy" 27/30, 10, 5, —, 3, 18.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS: S. Maymott.—Thanks for end game. J. W. Wood.—Will try and follow out your suggestions. "Delta."—No, or I should have certainly have looked you up. "Knowsley."—Your solution leaves me uncertain whether you saw the losing of a "tempo" or not, as you do not give P—B 3 for Black. "Nigger."—M. E. Goldstein says 9 P—K 4 is now considered inferior to 9 Castles or 9 P—Q R 4 in the Meran Variation, and that 9 P—K 4, P—B 4; 10 P—K 5, P×P; 11 Kt×Kt P! Kt×P!; 12 Kt×Kt, P×Kt; 13 B×P ch, B—Q 2; 14 B×B ch, Kt×B; 15 Kt×Kt, Q×Kt (not B—Kt 5 ch) gives Black a slight pull. "Castles Q R."—M. E. Goldstein points out that in my answer to you in October number 6 Kt—K 5 is good, the threat being 7 P—K B 3 and 8 P—K 4.

Now as to the Competition Problems Nos. 7 to 8, solutions of which I gave last month, page 697. The solvers' scores are as follows: Seniors.—"Castles Q R" 101, 27, 25, 153; "Hotchpot" 93, 28, 25, 146; "Sirius" 68, 8, 15, 91; "Cradock" 58, 7, 15, 80; "Clare" 59, 8, 12, 79; "Cic" 58, 9, 12, 79; "A.M." 28, 22, 20, 70; "Knowsley" 34, 13, 8, 55; "Wifilé" 27, 5, 5, 37. Juniors.—"Patlander" 28, 10, 25, 63; "Tyro" 23, 8, 4, 35; "Delta" 22, 6, 5, 33.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS: "Castles Q R."—Very good solutions; in No. 7, 1 P—K 6, Q—Kt 1; 2 R×B, R×R; 3 Q×P ch, K—Kt 3; 4 B—B 1, Q—K B 1; 5 Q—Kt 5 ch, K—B 2; 6 Q—R 5 ch, K—Kt 1; 7 B—Kt 2, R×P; 8 Q—R 8 ch (not R—Q 7 as you give) leads to mate in 3, or wins the Q. "Hotchpot."—Capital. The only mistake in No. 7 is in "C"; you omit Black's two best moves in 9., R—K 2 and 9 R—Q 1. In 8 your variation "A" is incorrect after 1 P—Q 5, Kt—Kt 4; 2 P—R 4 is correct, not Q—K 2. "Sirius."—In No. 7 the Queen must stay where she can protect the Pawns on K B 4 and K R 4. The right move for Black is 2., R(K B 1)—K 1, but your first move is not correctly followed up. In No. 8, if 1., P—Q 5, P—Kt 3; 2 Q—Q 2 is best. If 1., P—Q 5, P×P; 2 Q—Q 2, K—Kt 2; 3 Kt×P ch, K—Kt 1; 4 Q×P, P—B 4; 5 P×P *e.p.* is the correct move. R—B 2 is forced in reply and 6 R—B 3 wins. "Clare."—In 7 your "A" variation is all wrong. If 1 Q×P ch, K—R 2; 2 P—K 6, B×Q; 3 P×Q, what about 3., B—K 6 ch; 4 K moves, R×P? Black has almost the better game! In No. 8 you have failed to grasp the main idea of gaining a "tempo" and shutting out the Black Queen. "Cradock."—In No. 7, if 1 R×B, R×R; 2 Q×P ch, K—R 2; 3 P—K 6, Q×P!! If 4 Q×R, Q—K 6 ch, and an easy draw. In No. 8 you omit 5 P×P *e.p.* See answer to "Sirius." "Cic."—In No. 7, if Q—Q 2, R(K B 1)—K 1. In No. 8, correct first move, but 2 Q—K 2 should be Q—Q 2 in "A"; in "B" after 1., P—Kt 4; 2 P—R 4, not 2 Q—Q 2. "Knowsley."—My friend writes: "The work of this solver has improved very much during the competition." Except for the two leaders you were the only one to see the strength of 3 B—B 6 after 1 P—K 6, Q—Kt 1; 2 R×B, R×R; 3 B—B 6, but the correct continuation is 3., Q—Kt 5; 4 R—Q 6! R(K 2)—K 1; 5 P—K 7, R—Q R 1; 6 B—K 5 ch, K—R 2; 7 B×P. Solution to 8 is useless because after 1 Kt—R 7, R—Kt 1 not R—K 1, then is 2 Q—B 6 ch, Q×Q; 3 R×Q, Kt—Kt 4. "A.M."—You nearly hit on a second solution, but 2., Q—Kt 2 is incorrect. 2., K—R 2; 3 Q—R 6 ch, K—Kt 1; 4 B—Kt 5! In No. 8, if 1 Kt×P, R—Kt 1, not Q×P. "Patlander."—In No. 7, initial move incorrect, and 4., R×R is incorrect, should be Q—Q 4 ch. Good attempt at 8. "Wifilé."—Replaced you! 4., R—Q 2 should be R—K 3 in two of your variations of 7. "Delta."—In 8, if 1 Q—K 3, Q×P. "Tyro."—I agree, and several solvers have rubbed it in! In 7, if 1 Q×P ch, K—R 2; 2 Q—Kt 5 (you write Q—B 5), R(K B 1)—K 1. In 8, White gets his King out of danger at once by 1 P—Q 5 and threatens to win the Knight at the same time.

For the ordinary problem ladder, the top of the ladder for both Seniors and Juniors each month have been entitled to a small prize, it is possible I have not communicated with all the prize winners. Will those who have not been notified kindly let me know? For the Special Competition problems (see January number, page 16), the winner of the first prize (£1) is "Castles Q R"; of the second (10s.), "Hotchpot"; of the third (a copy of *Modern Chess Openings*, autographed by the authors), "Sirius." The special prize (a copy of the *Tournament Book of Marienbad*, 1925, autographed by the editor, I. Gunsberg), I award to "Hotchpot," and the second of 10/- goes to "Patlander" for the best score in the Junior Section. The solvers owe very grateful thanks to the kind donor of these prizes, and I for his unselfish help in going through the solutions, and indeed for all the trouble he has taken.

Am afraid problem 29 as given proves I was getting stale and careless; I hope the articles on openings will prove to be more popular, but to feel that they are so I should like plenty of questions, with stamped addressed envelopes, though when the questions are of general interest I may insert the answers in *B.C.M.* pages the following month.

The comparative failure of my "Chess Notes and Problems" has been, as pointed out by one or two readers, that in most cases the Problems have been too difficult for the average subscriber; even to good players where they have not had much time to devote to them. This perhaps accounts for the apparent apathy of readers of the magazine generally. One who complains of the difficulties writes:—

"What I am anxious to learn is the Mathematical Formula which can be supplied to so many end games. Take, for instance, R v. R and P. What I want to learn, and I believe many others, is on what lines should one proceed. When, in fact, one should play the Rook upon the rank and when upon the file.

We all know, for instance, how to form a square when we wish to determine whether the King can overtake a Queening Pawn. That is a "Mathematical Formula" in its simplest form—we want more. Moreover, we want to be assisted, just as one would be assisted by a good coach when down to enter upon a stiff examination, not to be puzzled. We shall be all that when we enter upon the examination itself, or match game."

This correspondent is setting me a much harder task than heretofore. I believe Dr. Tarrasch has written a considerable amount on R v. R and P endings, but I do not think he has got so far as to construct a "Mathematical Formula."

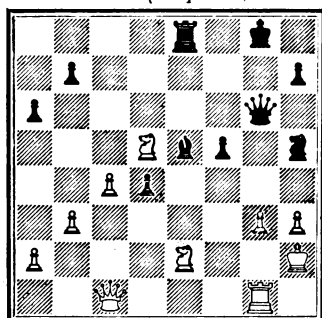
Perhaps with some assistance from our strongest players, I may be able to help such of our readers who are wanting assistance in the way indicated.

I should like to refer solvers and readers of these pages to my annotations of the third cable match game, as I have tried to do so on similar lines to those I gave early last year to a game of mine.

I cannot close these pages without first of all wishing all solvers and readers a very merry Christmas, and the best of luck in 1927, and secondly to thank them all for their courtesy despite my failings, and encouragement during my times of depression. To give them something to occupy themselves this month I give two end-games sent me, the solutions of which I will give next month.

No. 1.

BLACK (10 pieces)

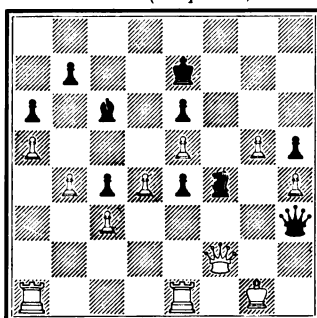


WHITE (10 pieces)

Black to play and win.

No. 2.

BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)

Black to play and win.

GAME DEPARTMENT

GAME No. 5,770.

Played at Manchester, 30th October, simultaneously with two other games against players in consultation. Notes by E. Znosko-Borovsky.

SOMETHING NEW IN "RUY LOPEZ."

Most chessplayers know that in the Steinitz Defence to the Ruy Lopez when White has protected his K P by R—K 1 and Kt—Q B 3, Black is forced to exchange his K P against the opponent's Q P. If, instead, he Castles, he loses a Pawn, or falls into a famous Tarrasch trap, losing a piece or the Exchange.

In one game which I played at Manchester against players in consultation, my opponents took the Q P before I had played Kt—Q B 3. Generally this premature capture has no consequences, as White makes his Knight move later, and the game enters prescribed lines; but I asked myself, if Black makes the move when it is not forced, must I make my move whose idea is to force this exchange? Perhaps the Knight in this instance had a better square, for instance Q 2. At this moment you cannot play Q Kt—Q 2 as the K Kt at Q 4 is unprotected; but you can make another move and wait with the Q Kt.

So I played P—Q Kt 3; that seems to be a blunder because after two moves Black threatens to win the Exchange. In reality this move leads to very interesting play, with many fine variations, and White does not seem at any moment to have an inferior position, as the following game proves. But if that be so, the conclusion is Black must exchange Pawns only when he is forced to do so.

WHITE	BLACK
E. ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY	W. A. FAIRHURST AND A. EVA
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 B—Kt 5	3 Kt—B 3
4 Castles	4 P—Q 3
5 P—Q 4	5 B—Q 2
6 R—K 1	6 P×P
7 Kt×P	7 B—K 2
8 P—Q Kt 3	

This is a new move instead of 8 Kt—Q B 3. Perhaps it is preferable to exchange Knights and Bishops first to avoid complications, and then quietly play Q—K 2 and P—Q Kt 3.

8 Kt×Kt
9 B×B ch
9 Kt×B

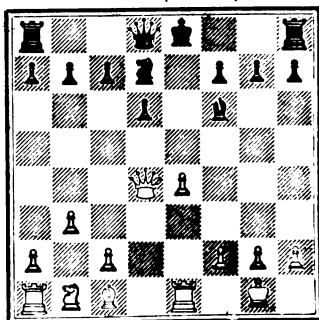
.....With this move Black intends to win the Exchange. The same idea happened in the

game Lasker v. Capablanca, New York, 1925; but there the Q Kt was already played to B 3.

10 Q×Kt 10 B—B 3

Position after 10.., B—B 3.

BLACK (ALLIES)



WHITE (ZNOSKO-BOROVSKY)

11 P—K 5!

The only move to save the Exchange.

11 P×P

.....What must Black play?

If 11... Q—K 2 then 12 B—R 3, Kt×P; 13 Q—Q 1 (not 13 P—K B 4 because of ... Kt—B 6 ch). If 11 Kt or B×P then 12 P—K B 4.

12 B—R 3! 12 B—K 2

.....If 12... P—Q Kt 3 then White can snugly play 13 P—K B 4, P—Q B 4; 14 Q—Q R 4 and Black cannot Castle because of 15 R—Q 1. If 14... P—Q R 3 then 15 P×P.

13 Q—K Kt 4

Perhaps the most difficult move in the game. Black gets nothing by sacrificing a Pawn; e.g., 13... Kt—B 3; 14 Q×P, R—K Kt 1; 15 Q—R 6. Or 13... B×B; 14 Q×P, Q—B 3; 15 Q×Q, Kt×Q; 16 Kt×B.

13 Castles

14 R—Q 1

Now the Knight instead of the K P is pinned.

14 B—Q 3

.....If 14... B×B then 15 R×Kt, Q×R (... B—Kt 7; 16 R×Q, R×R; 17 Kt—R 3, B×R; 18 P—Kt 3, and White will win a Pawn, remaining with Queen against two Rooks; but that is the best variation for Black); 16 Q×Q, R—Q 1; 17 Q×R ch, R×Q; 18 Kt×B, with a piece up. If 14... Kt—B 3 then 15 R×Q, Kt×Q; 16 R×Q R, R×R; 17 B×B with a piece up. If 14... P—K B 4 then 15 Q—Q B 4 ch, R—B 2 (otherwise 16 Q—K 6); 16 B×B, Q×B; 17 Q×P.

15 B×B

15 P×B

16 R×P

16 Kt—B 3

17 R×Q

Best! If 17 Q—Q 1, then

Q×R; 18 Q×Q, Q R—Q 1, gaining a move.

17 Kt×Q

18 R×Q R 18 R×R

.....Now Black threatens ...

R—Q 1 and R—Q 8 ch or R—Q 7. If 20 Kt—B 3 then R—Q B 1.

19 P—Q B 4! 19 R—Q 1

20 Kt—B 3 20 K—B 1

.....For if 21... R—Q 7 then 22 R—Q 1.

21 R—Q 1 21 R×R ch

22 Kt×R

I consider this position better for White, who has three Pawns to two on the Queen's side and a good position for the Kt at Q 5. But by best play for Black the game should be a draw; the Black allies however preferred to play an active game, tending to defeat themselves.

22 K—K 2

23 Kt—B 3 23 K—Q 3

24 P—Kt 4 24 K—B 3

25 P—K R 3 25 Kt—B 3

26 K—B 1 26 P—Q R 4

27 P—Q R 3 27 P×P

28 P×P 28 P—R 4

29 K—K 2 29 P—R 5

30 K—B 3 30 Kt—Q 2

31 Kt—Q 5

The game was adjourned at this point owing to the late hour, and was not resumed. White's chances seem to be very good, as Black cannot play 31... P—Q Kt 4 on account of 32 Kt—K 7 ch, K—Q 3; 33 Kt—B 5 ch, K—K 3; 34 Kt×Kt P ch, K—B 3; 35 Kt—K 8 ch, K—K 2; 36 Kt—B 7, P×P; 37 Kt—Q 5 ch, K—Q 3; 38 Kt—K 3, P—B 6; 39 K—K 4 winning the Q B P. The position, however, needs analysis.

GAME NO. 5,771.

Played in the tournament at Semmering. Notes by J.H.B.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE

BLACK

Dr. S. TARTAKOVER Dr. A. ALEKHINE

1 P—K 4

1 P—K 4

2 Kt—K B 3

2 Kt—Q B 3

3 B—Kt 5

3 P—Q R 3

4 B×Kt

4 Q P×B

5 Kt—B 3

Marked by the *Handbuch* as best.

6 P-Q 3 5 P-B 3
6 B-Q 3

.....If 6... B-Q B 4 he would be at once challenged by 7 B-K 3. The avoidance of conventional lines in the opening indicates that both players want a decisive result.

7 Kt-K 2 7 Kt-K 2
8 Kt-Q 2 8 B-K 3
9 Castles 9 Kt-Kt 3
10 Kt-Q Kt 3 10 Castles
11 B-K 3 11 P-Kt 3
12 K-R 1

12 P-K B 4 would have led to a general exchange of minor pieces followed by ... Q-Q 5 ch, winning White's Q Kt P.

12 Q-K 2
13 P-K B 4 13 P-K B 4!
14 P×K P 14 Kt×P
15 P×P 15 Kt-Kt 5
16 B-B 4

Not 16 B-Kt 1, Kt×R P!
17 B×Kt, Q-R 5, etc.

16 B×P

.....16... R×P has some strong points. If 17 K Kt-Q 4, R-K R 4! If 17 B×B, Q×B; 18 Kt-Kt 3, R-K R 4!

17 Q-Q 2 17 Q R-K 1
18 B×B 18 Q×B
19 Kt-Kt 3 19 B-K 3

.....19... R-K 6 is of no use because of 20 R-B 3, Q-R 3; 21 Kt-B 1! After the text-move White realises that he has the inferior middle game, and seeks by exchanges to bring the position to one of an end-game type.

20 R×R ch 20 R×R
21 R-K B 1 21 R×R ch
22 Kt×R 22 P-Q R 4
23 P-K R 3 23 P-R 5
24 P×Kt

The prospect of the extra Pawn on the Queen's side proves delusive; White had better have played 24 Kt-B 1, Kt-K 4; 25 P-R 3.

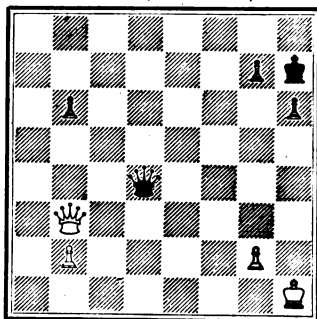
24 P×Kt
25 B×Kt P
26 B-K 3
27 P-R 3
28 Q-K 4
29 Q-Q 4
30 Q-K 4
31 Q-K 7
32 K-R 2
33 B-Q 4
34... P-Q Kt 4;
34 Q-Kt 3 34 Q×B P
35 Kt-K 5

35 Kt×P would be to his disadvantage. 35 Kt×P, B×Q Kt P, 36 Q-B 3, Q×Kt P; 37 Q×P, Q-Kt 8 ch; 38 K-R 2, Q×P, leaving White with a dispiriting struggle before him.

35 Q-Q 8 ch
36 Q-R 4 ch
37 B×Q Kt P
38 Q-B 4 ch
39 Q-B 8 ch!
40 Q×Kt
41 Q-Q 3 ch
42 Q×P

Position after 42... Q×P.

BLACK (ALEKHINE)



WHITE (TARTAKOVER)

.....The game now enters upon a phase of which we have not too many examples in master play; it is fought with the greatest determination on both sides, and fifty moves elapse before another capture.

43 Q-B 2 ch 43 K-Kt 1
44 Q-B 8 ch

As White finds it necessary to return to Q B 2 and then play P-Q Kt 3 it is evident that he might as well have made the Pawn move now.

45 Q-B 7 ch 44 K-B 2
46 Q-B 6 ch 45 K-B 3
47 Q-B 7 ch 46 K-K 4
48 Q-B 2 47 K-Q 4
49 P-Q Kt 3 48 P-Q Kt 4
50 K-Kt 1 49 Q-R 5 ch
51 K-R 2 50 Q-K 8 ch
52 K-R 1 51 Q-K 4 ch
53 Q-B 2 52 P-Kt 4
54 Q-B 2 53 Q-B 5
55 P-Kt 4 54 P-K Kt 5

White hopes to get rid of the balance against him on the King's wing by exchanging his Q Kt P for one of the Black Pawns. Black would then be limited to an attempt to Queen his Q Kt P, and White's prospects of a perpetual check would be much improved. Black rejects the bait.

56 Q-R 2 ch 55 Q-Q 5
57 Q-Q 2 ch 56 Q-Q B 5
58 K-R 2 57 K-K 5
59 P-Kt 3 58 P-R 4
59 Q-Q 4

.....If 59... K-B 6; 60 K-Kt 1, and the Pawn cannot be taken because of mate in two.

60 Q-K 2 ch 60 K-B 4
61 Q-K 8 61 K-B 3
62 Q-KR 8 ch 62 K-K 2
63 Q-Kt 7 ch 63 K-Q 3
64 Q-B 6 ch 64 K-Q 2
65 Q-Kt 7 ch 65 K-B 3
66 Q-Kt 6 ch 66 K-Kt 2
67 Q-Kt 7 ch 67 K-Kt 3
68 Q-B 6 ch

He could play 68 Q-Kt 6 ch, Q-B 3; 69 Q×R P, for which Black wins the Q Kt P; but now that White has moved his K Kt P the after positions are less favourable to him than at his 55th move.

68 Q-B 3
69 K-R 3
70 Q-B 7 ch
71 Q-Q 8 ch
72 Q-Q 7 ch
73 Q-Q 5
74 K-Kt 3
75 K-B 2
76 Q-Q 2
77 K-B 3
78 K-Kt 2
79 Q-Q 7 ch
80 Q-K 8 ch
81 Q-K 7 ch
82 Q-K 4!
83 K-B 7
84 K-Q 3
85 K-Q 4
86 K-K 5
87 K-K 6
88 K-K 5
89 K-K 6
90 Q-Q 5
91 Q-Kt 5 ch

The repetitions were of course to get both players over the 90th move (time limit 15 moves per hour). 91 K-R 2 would lose by ... Q×Q; 92 P×Q, K-B 7; 93 P-B 7, P-R 5 and wins.

91 K-K 5
92 Q×Q Kt P

92 Q-Kt 6 ch, K-Q 4; 93 Q-B 7 ch (not Q×R P ch, K-B 5!), K-B 3 would draw, as Black would be back in the position at the 66th move.

92 Q-Q 7 ch
93 K-R 1

93 K-Kt 1 was better, for if then ... K-B 6 White gets perpetual check beginning 94 Q-B 5 ch; with the White King at R 1 the Black King escapes (after taking the Pawn) by way of K B 7.

93 K-B 6
94 Q-B 1 ch 94 K×P
95 Q-K Kt 1 ch 95 K-B 5
96 Q-K B 1 ch 96 K-K 5
97 Q-Kt 1 ch 97 K-B 5

98 Q—K B 1 ch 98 K—K 4

probably lost in any case.

99 Q—Kt 5 ch

99 Q—Q 4 ch

Overlooking the fatal inter-
position; but his game was now

Resigns

GAME NO. 5,772.

Played in the tournament at Dresden. Notes by J.H.B.

Queen's Pawn Game.

WHITE	BLACK
A. RUBINSTEIN	Dr. A. ALEKHINE
1 P—Q 4	1 Kt—K B 3
2 Kt—K B 3	2 P—K 3
3 B—B 4	3 P—Q Kt 3
4 P—K R 3	

Intended to secure his Bishop against ..., Kt—K R 4; but it would be better to wait until Black has decided to develop his K B, because after the text-move White can no longer meet ..., B—Q 3 with B—Kt 3.

5 Q Kt—Q 2	4 B—Kt 2
6 B×B	5 B—Q 3

This gives Black a strong command of the centre; and 6 B—Kt 5 is of no use because of 6... P—K R 3, forcing 7 B×Kt. 6 P—K 3 comes therefore into consideration.

7 P—K 3	6 P×B
8 B—K 2	7 Castles
9 Castles	8 P—Q 4
10 P—B 3	9 Kt—B 3
11 Kt×Kt	10 Kt—K 5
12 Kt—Q 2	11 P×Kt
13 P—K B 4	12 P—B 4
	13 P—K Kt 4

..... Black has already seized the attack—a condemnation of White's opening.

14 Kt—B 4	14 P—Q 4
15 Kt—K 5	15 Kt×Kt
16 Q P×Kt	16 K—R 1
17 P—Q R 4	

This attempt at counter attack gets no further and was therefore not worth starting; the time would be better spent in making provision for the King's side

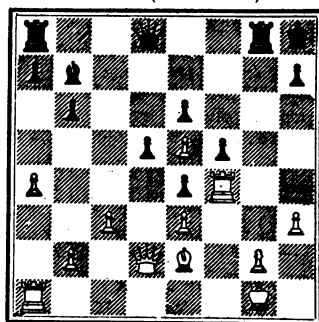
danger; e.g., 17 P—K Kt 3 would enable him presently to dispute possession of the K Kt file.

18 Q—Q 2	17 R—K Kt 1
19 R×P	18 P×P

If 19 P×P, Q—R 5 wins. White is now reduced to a series of forced moves.

Position after 19 R×P.

BLACK (ALEKHINE)



WHITE (RUBINSTEIN)

20 B—B 1	19 Q—Kt 4
21 K—R 1	20 Q—Kt 6!
22 Q—Q 4	21 Q—Kt 2
23 R—B 2	22 B—R 3
24 R—B 2	23 Q—Kt 6!
25 R×B	24 B×B
26 P—Kt 3	25 Q R—Q B 1
27 R—K 2	26 R—B 2
28 R—B 4	27 Q R—K Kt 2
29 R—Q B 2	28 R—Q B 2
30 R—K 2	29 Q R—K Kt 2
31 Q—Kt 4	30 R—Kt 3

White has no good move left. If 31 P—R 4, R—R 3; 32 Q—Q 1, P—Q 5! He proposes therefore

to offer his K R P in the hope of checking the attack.

- 31 R—R 3
 32 P—R 4 32 Q—Kt 2
 Stronger than capture
 of the Rook's Pawn.
 33 P—B 4
 The King's Pawn cannot be

defended to any purpose; e.g.,
 33 Q—Q 6, R—Kt 3; 34 Q R—
 B 2, P—B 5; 35 B×P, P—K 6
 and wins.

- 33 R—Kt 3
 34 Q—Q 2 34 R—Kt 6
 35 Q—K 1 35 R×Kt P
 Resigns

GAME No. 5,773.

Played recently in a match in Malta. Notes by J.H.B.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE
 CARMELO FRISK

BLACK
 AMATEUR

- 1 P—K 4 1 P—K 4
 2 Kt—K B 3 2 Kt—Q B 3
 3 B—Kt 5 3 P—Q 3
 4 P—Q 4 4 P×P

.....4... B—Q 2 has long
 been recognised as better, but the
 point is not of much importance,
 because if White proceeds as in
 the text, with 8 R—K 1, Black is
 compelled to exchange Pawns to
 avoid a trap.

- 5 Kt×P 5 B—Q 2
 6 Kt—Q B 3 6 B—K 2
 7 Castles 7 P—Q R 3

.....As White does not now
 retreat the Bishop, this is equivalent
 to giving away a move.
 7... Kt—B 3 and 8... Castles is
 necessary.

- 8 B×Kt 8 P×B
 9 P—B 4 9 Kt—B 3
 10 P—Q Kt 3

Now a recognised feature of the
 attack in similar variations of the
 Ruy Lopez, and one of the few
 exceptions to the general principle
 that the Queen's fianchetto
 development is of little or no use
 in the open game.

- 10 Castles
 11 B—Kt 2 11 P—B 4
 12 Kt—B 3 12 Kt—Kt 5

.....An easily parried threat
 which rather helps White. 12...
 B—B 3 was more to the purpose.

- 13 Kt—Q 5 13 P—Q B 3
If 13... P—B 4; 14
 P—K 5, and Black is not helped.

- 14 Kt×B ch 14 Q×Kt
 15 Q—Q 3 15 P—R 3

.....If 15... P—Q 4; 16
 P×P, P×P; 17 Q R—K 1,
 Q—Q 3; 18 P—K R 3, and
 White's minor pieces become very
 aggressive. 15... P—B 4 is bad
 because of the reply 16 Q R—K 1.
 White, however, intended to reply
 to 15... P—B 4 with 16 P—K 5,
 P×P; 17 P×P, whereupon Black
 could have obtained a fair game
 by 17... P—K B 5!

- 16 P—K R 3

Two of Blackburne's maxims
 of play were, "never commence
 the final attack until the Queen's
 Rook is developed," and "always
 put a Rook opposite the opponent's
 Queen." 16 Q R—K 1 would
 satisfy both. It threatens more-
 over to cut off the retreat of the
 Knight by 17 P—K 5; should
 Black provide for this by 16...
 Kt—B 3 then 17 P—K 5, P×P
 (if ... Kt—K 1; 18 P×P, Q×P;
 19 R×Kt, Q×Q; 20 R×R ch,
 and wins); 18 R×P wins a Pawn.
 The Pawn-storming operation
 now initiated is at least pre-
 mature, especially as White has
 presently to pause in his attack
 to bring up the Rook.

- 16 Kt—B 3
 17 Kt—Q 2? 17 Kt—R 4

.....Perhaps he hoped to be
 allowed time for 18... Q—R 5,
 with sacrificial intentions if White
 then took the Q P; but if so the
 idea was not good. 17... K R—
 K 1 was the line required by the
 nature of the position.

18 P-K Kt 4 18 Kt-B 3
 19 R-B 2 19 P-Q R 4
 20 R-Kt 2 20 P-Q 4
 21 P-K 5 21 Kt-K 1
 22 Kt-B 3 22 P-B 3

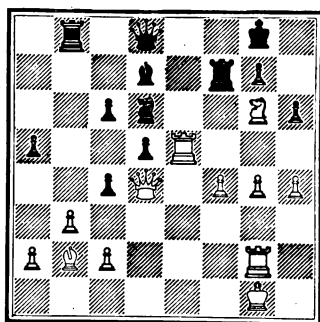
.....Black seems here to be reduced to 22..., P-R 5 for a move which will forward his game without getting him into further difficulties.

23 Kt-R 4! 23 R-B 2
 24 Kt-Kt 6 24 Q-Q 1
 25 R-K 1 25 P×P
 26 R×P 26 Kt-Q 3
 27 P-K R 4 27 P-B 5
 28 Q-Q 4 28 R-Kt 1

.....Here Black would have done wisely to give up a Pawn to break the immediate force of White's attack, and complete his own development, thus: 28..., Kt-Kt 4; 29 Q-B 5, P-B 6; 30 B×P, Kt×B; 31 Q×Kt, Q-Kt 3 ch; 32 K-R 2, R-K 1. He gets no further chance.

Position after 28..., R-Kt 1.

BLACK (AMATEUR)



WHITE (FRISK)

29 R-R 5 29 Kt-Kt 4

.....29..., Q-Kt 3 would lose by 30 Q×Q, R×Q; 31 Kt-K 5, R-K 2; 32 B-R 3, P-B 4; 33 B×P, R-B 3; 34 Kt×B, R×Kt; 35 R×Q P and wins. But he overlooks completely the pretty but very obvious reply to the text-move; this he had two ways of preventing. 29..., K-R 2 loses by 30 Kt-K 5, R-K 2; 31 P-Kt 5, Kt-B 4; 32 P-Kt 6 ch, K-Kt 1; 33 R×Kt!, B×R; 34 Kt×P, Q-K 1; 35 Kt×R ch, Q×Kt; 36 Q×P ch, B-K 3 (... Q-K 3; 37 Q-Q 4, Q-K 2; 38 R-K 2, Q-Q B 2; 39 Q-Q 5 ch and wins); 37 R-K 2 if R-K 1, 38 Q-K 5 if Q-B 1, 39 P-B 5, B-Q 2; 40 Q-Q 5 ch and wins. The alternative defence is 29..., R-B 3, to which White has three plausible continuations. I. 30 P-B 5; this allows Black to equalise, thus: 30..., Kt-Kt 4; 31 Q-K 5, P-B 6; 32 B×P, Kt×B; 33 Q×Kt, B-K 1! 34 Q-Q 3, Q-Q 3, and White's winning prospects have vanished. II. 30 P-Kt 5, a hazardous line! too difficult to be done justice to under a time limit; e.g., 30..., Kt-B 4 (30..., R×Kt loses quickly); 31 Q-K 5, R-K 3; 32 Q-B 3, Q-Kt 3 ch; 33 K-R 2, R-K 6, etc.; but at 31 White had three alternative ways of giving up the Queen, all deserving examination. III. 30 R×P; this simplifying line is the best; 30..., P×R; 31 Q×R, Q×Q; 32 B×Q, K-B 2 (if); 33 Kt-K 5 ch, K-K 1; 34 P-Kt 5, and wins.

30 R×P! 30 R-B 3
 31 R-R 8 ch 31 K-B 2
 32 Kt-K 5 ch 32 K-K 2
 33 Q-B 5 ch 33 Kt-Q 3
 34 R×Q and wins

GAME No. 5,774.

Played in the last Australian championship tournament.

Ruy Lopez.

WHITE	BLACK
S. VINER	S. WOINARSKI
1 P-K 4	1 P-K 4
2 Kt-K B 3	2 Kt-Q B 3
3 B-Kt 5	3 K Kt-K 2

WHITE	BLACK
S. VINER	S. WOINARSKI
4 Castles	4 P-K Kt 3
5 P-Q 4	5 P×P
6 Kt×P	6 B-Kt 2

7 P—Q B 3	7 Castles	19 P—Q B 4	19 P—Q B 3
8 B—Kt 5	8 P—K R 3	20 B—K 4	20 R—Q 8 ch
9 B—K 3	9 P—Q 4	21 K—B 2	21 B—K 3
10 P×P	10 Q×P	22 B—B 2	22 R—R 8
11 Kt×Kt	11 P×Kt	23 P—Q Kt 3	23 B—Kt 4
12 Q×Q	12 Kt×Q	24 P—K 4	24 B—Kt 5
13 B×B P	13 Kt×B	25 P—R 3	25 B—R 5 ch
14 P×Kt	14 R—Kt 1	26 K—K 3	26 B×R
15 R—B 2	15 P—K R 4	27 K×B	27 R—Q 1
16 P—Q R 4	16 R—Kt 3	28 R—R 3	28 R—Q 3
17 B—Q 5	17 B—K R 3	29 P—K 5	29 R—K 8 ch
18 R—K 2	18 R—Q 3	30 K—B 3	30 R×P
	Resigns		

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THE BRITISH CHESS PROBLEM SOCIETY.

JUDGES' AWARD IN THE TWO-MOVE SECTION OF THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY.

Thirty-seven problems were entered for this section, and submitted to the judges under Nos. 1 to 37. As regards numbers, the entry is disappointing, and the judges cannot help thinking that insufficient publicity is given to the competitions organised by the Society. The standard attained by the entries is also disappointing, there being no two-mover of outstanding merit. Of the 37 competing positions five proved faulty, Nos. 20 and 31 having no solution, and Nos. 16, 34 and 36 being cooked. No. 18 is disqualified, the conditions of entry as to changed play not being observed. On such grounds as defective construction, unclean play, slightness, absence of general interest and lack of originality Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 21, 27, 30, 35 and 37 were soon discarded. A further process of elimination ruled out Nos. 4, 7, 10, 17, 24, 29, 32 and 33 as being generally inferior to the remaining eleven problems. From a final survey of the positions thus left, the judges' award is as follows:—

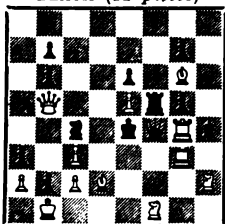
First prize and special prize for the best complete block only: No. 25. This is a block threat with four set mates. The composer has exercised considerable ingenuity in arranging a complete change of play to five new mates introduced by a fair keymove.

Second prize: No. 2. A good key leads to a very striking cross-check change, i.e., P—Kt 5 ch being met before the key by 2 B—Q 6, whilst in the actual solution the Kt is unpinped to discover mate. The rest of the play is a little lacking in interest, but one good point is the use of the Pawn at B 3, which in the set play holds Q 4, and after the key, serves to restrict the mobility of the Black Rook.

First Prize and Special.
Prize for best complete
block.

No. 25.

By S. HERTMANN.
BLACK (12 pieces)

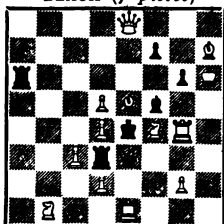


WHITE (12 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.

No. 2.

By J. KATKÓ.
BLACK (7 pieces)



WHITE (13 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third Prize.

No. 26.

By L. A. ISSAEF.
BLACK (11 pieces)

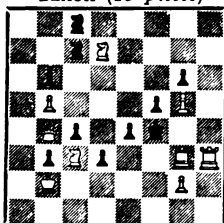


WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Honourable Mention.

No. 11.

By J. VAN DIJK
BLACK (10 pieces)

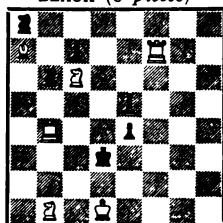


WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Commended.

No. 8.

By JULIUS TÓTH.
BLACK (6 pieces)

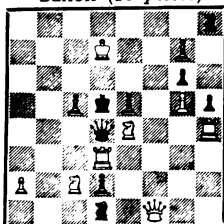


WHITE (6 pieces)
Mate in two.

Commended.

No. 15.

By G. BECK
BLACK (10 pieces)

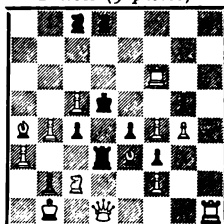


WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

Commended.

No. 22.

By S. P. KRJITSCHKOFF
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (13 pieces)
Mate in two.

Third prize : No. 26. A mutate with three changed mates, the key converting the set mates after P—K 6 and P—Q 6 into true half-pin variations. The third change is pretty but a little familiar. (It occurs again as the principal feature of No. 8.) The problem, as a whole, is rather tame.

Honourable mention : No. 11. A block-threat position, showing a complete change of play. The switch-back after P—B 6 ch, and the long range mate after P×Kt, are commendable features.

Commended : Nos. 8, 15 and 22.

No. 8. A pleasing mutate which falls into the "Meredith" category. The changes are not very novel, and there appears no adequate reason for the use of the White Kt at Kt 1 in the place of a Pawn on Q Kt 2. The set dual is a blemish.

No. 15. The single change is good, though the cross-check is incidental. The Pawn on R 2 is not required in the actual solution, whilst the Black Pawn at K Kt 3 could be replaced by putting the White Pawn (Knight file) on that square.

No. 22. A mutate with no less than 10 mates. There is a single change but the key introduces three new mates against one sacrificed. The play however, is rather mechanical—and also a little reminiscent of No. 210 in "All change here." The White Kt (necessitating the Pawn at R 3) has no use in the set play beyond preventing a dual, and rather suggests the key.

F. F. L. ALEXANDER, T. R. DAWSON.

11th October, 1926.

The full list of competitors is as follows: I. Gross (No. 1), J. Katko (2), Dr. E. Palkoska (3, 4), P. Keirans (5, 6), J. Tóth (7, 8), K. S. Howard (9), I. Olasz (10), J. van Dijk (11, 12), T. Vesz (13, 14), G. Beck (15), P. ten Cate (16), G. Cristoffanini (17, 18), N. Good (19), G. Jordan (20, 21), S. P. Krjitschkoff (22), H. H. Bridgewater (23), S. Heitmann (24, 25), L. A. Issaëff (26, 27), J. Soler (28), M. Leclercq (29), J. Ort (30), G. M. Fuchs (31, 32), Dr. B. Weiss (33, 34, 35, 36 and 37).

The following problems were found faulty: No. 16 (cook by Q e6 ch), 20 (author's solution defeated by 1. . . R f3 or g 3), 31 (author's solution defeated by 1. . . R c3 dis ch), 34 (Cook by Kt (f5) d6 ch), and 36 (Cook by P e6 dis ch).

Apart from the problems diagrammed here with the award the rest of the entries are at the disposal of their composers, and may be used elsewhere if desired.

A copy of the award will be mailed to each competitor. The Society are greatly indebted to Messrs. Alexander and Dawson for their award. As announced elsewhere the Society was reluctantly compelled to cancel the three-move section of the tourney owing to scarcity of eligible entries.

Mr. John Keeble, of Norwich, who is so well known to the readers of the *B.C.M.* (in addition to his abilities as a problemist and player) as, what we may term a chess antiquarian, has supplied the following interesting information respecting the late Mr. H. J. C. Andrews, who at one time was recognised as the chief authority in England on matters concerning chess problems. He writes: "In August last I saw the grave of the late H. J. C. Andrews. He lies in Ladywell Cemetery, Lewisham, S.E., quite close to our late respected master, J. H. Blackburne. The inscription is 'In loving memory of Henry John Clinton Andrews, who departed this life 26th February, 1887, in the 59th year of his age.' His grave is No. 1894, plot D."

It may be remembered by many that Mr. Andrews was for a few years the problem editor of the *Chess Players' Chronicle*, and subsequently conducted the problem department of the *B.C.M.*

He was one of the very few solvers who about 1845 mastered the original Indian Problem composed by the Rev. H. Loveday. A collection of his problems appears in *The Chess Problem Text Book* by Andrews, Frankenstein, Laws and Planck.

Blackburne, who was at one time a good composer, is buried in grave No. 1802, plot D. His memorial is a marble scroll bearing a simple description with no reference to chess, merely "Died September 1st, 1924. Aged 84 years."

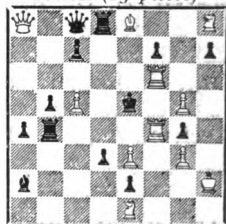
Mr. Howard has sent us a revision of his three-mover which we published last July, which we give herewith. Of its kind it is indeed a fine problem, and we are pleased to reproduce it in an amended form.

No. 2,574 (corrected)

By

KENNETH S. HOWARD
(Rochester U.S.A.).

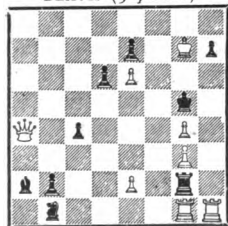
BLACK (13 pieces)



WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in three.

By O. VOTRUBA
(Pisek).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in three.

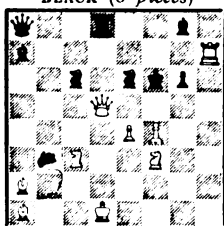
We take the annexed problem from *Casopis Československých Šachistů* who quoted it as having received fifth prize in the Vienna *Schachzeitung*. If our readers will compare this with J. Vasta's unfortunate three-mover in our August issue, they will see much in common. It would be interesting to know which position has priority in point of date.

"BRISBANE COURIER" 22nd INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY.

The special problem contributed by Australian composers was awarded to H. Beechey, of N.S.W. The judge was Mr. Arthur Mosely, well known in this country and a contributor to our magazine. We like to read his remark concerning the problems he had under consideration as it shows a candid appreciation of the modern complex two-mover, seeing that he himself is not an exponent of this class of composition, but a master of work where artistry dominates artificiality. He is both indulgent and appreciative. "Artistic simplicity is always charming, but such problems do not as a rule excite the

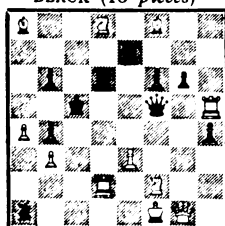
admiration accorded to the cleverness and ingenuity shown in the composition of modern complex themes, embodying surprising and

First Prize.
By G. BIOGI and
G. CRISTOFFANINI.
BLACK (8 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in two.

Second Prize.
By A. MARI and
A. ELLERMAN.
BLACK (10 pieces)

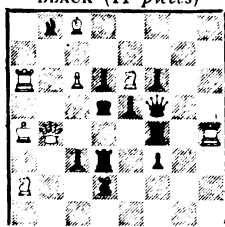


WHITE (11 pieces)
Mate in two.

original strategic effects in the defence such as are well illustrated in the present prize-winning problems. The 'simple' theme problem that could seriously compete with these would be a *rara avis* indeed, and would quickly gain its distinction."

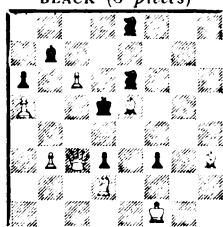
"WESTERN MORNING NEWS AND MERCURY" HALF-YEARLY COMPETITION.

Prize Two-mover.
By W. B. Rice
(Philadelphia).
BLACK (11 pieces)



WHITE (8 pieces)
Mate in two.

Prize Three-mover.
By F. F. L. ALEXANDER
(London).
BLACK (8 pieces)



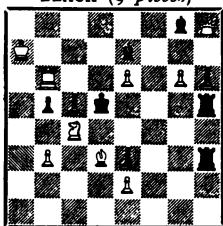
WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

Hon. Mentions.—Two-movers: Z. Zilihi (Budapest) and A. Ellerman (Buenos Aires). Three-movers: J. H. Barrow (Manchester) and J. Cauveren (Doetinchem, Holland). The adjudication was in the able hands of Mr. H. D'O. Bernard.

"Babsontask." We refer to the award in this promotion Self-mate Tourney which we printed in September. Mr. G. Stillingfleet Johnson has pointed out to us that the prize problem (see page 430) by K. Hannemann is cooked by 1 Kt—B5 ch, K—K1; 2 P×KB (becomes Q or R) ch, K—B2; 3 Q×R P, K or B×P; 4 Q—R5 or R7 accordingly.

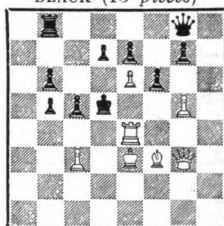
TROLLHATTONE CHESS CLUB' TOURNEY.

First Prize.
By M. K. MALACHOV.
BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (9 pieces)
Mate in three.

Second Prize.
By Dr. F. Rduch.
BLACK (10 pieces)



WHITE (7 pieces)
Mate in three.

SOLVERS' SCORE—"LADDER" COMPETITION.

Problems (September) 2,579 to 2,582—(October) 2,583
to 2,586 inclusive.

*Dr. Tennant Bruce (415) 5-5-10-20 (455) 5-0-10-10 (580);
††A. T. Connell (75) (+40 July=115) 5-5-10-20 (155) 5-5-10-10 (185);
**W. H. Cutland (150) 5-10-10-20 (195) 5-5-10-10 (225); J. W. Davis
(370); *J. C. Derlien (345); R. J. Darvall (375+25 August=400)
5-10-10-20 (445) 5-5-10-10 (475); Rev. A. S. Dean (465) October
5-5-0-10 (485); J. Espinosaf (Barcelona) (70); Edwin Gardiner
Sept. 5-10-0-0 (15); G. Hilton (110) 5-0-10-0 (125); †Albert H. Haddy
(275) 5-10-10-20 (320) 5-5-10-10 (350); W. M. Hay (20); N. N.
Subramania Iyer (315+45 Aug.=360) 5-10-10-20 (405) 5-5-10-10
(435); ‡G. Stillingfleet Johnson (515) 0-5-5-20 (545) 5-10-10-10 (580);
N. V. Joshi (Pusa, India) (355) 5-10-10-20 (400); ††Frederick Lea
(45) 5-10-10-20 (90) 5-10-10-10 (125); **J. A. Lewis (305) 5-10-10-20
(350) 5-5-10-10 (380); *Hubert Lees (New Zealand) (330+20 July
=350); T. N. R. Leistikow (285); A. D. Madgavkar (Calcutta)
Sept. 5-10-10-20 (45) 5-5-10-10 (75); *D. Murray (60) 5-10-0-20 (95)
5-5-10-10 (125); J. H. Murgatroyd (85) 5-10-0-0 (100); †Johannes
Neilson (Ribe, Denmark) (75) 5-10-10-20 (120) 5-5-10-10 (150);
†A. Peacock (445) 5-10-0-20 (470) 5-5-10-10 (500); E. W. Punnett
(500) 5-10-0-20 (535), 5-5-0-0 (345); T. Rosenfield (510); G. V.
Secthaphathy Rau (Madras) (150); *Rev. J. Schipper (0) 5-10-10-20 (45)
5-5-10-10 (75); D. V. Sullivan (30); *"Tiro" (Ribe, Denmark) (95);
R. G. Tyzack (490+35 August=525) 5-10-10-40 (590); A. C. Vaughan
(575); *Rev. E. Wells (590) 5-10-10-20 (635) 5-5-10-10 (30); W.
A. Way (Malay States) (65+30 June and 20 July=115); H. A.
Warwell (355+5 August=360) 5-10-10-20 (405) 5-5-10-10 (435);
E. Wood and F. W. Tock October 5-5-10-10 (30).

The Rev. E. Wells in September succeeded in totalling the highest score. October has produced a dead heat between Dr. Tennant Bruce and Mr. Stillingfleet Johnson who at pretty regular intervals rises to the top. It will be noted that he gets 10 points for solving 2,584; this is really remarkable as he alone gave 1 Q—K 6 ch, which is unanswerable

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,583 by C. R. D. Clarke.—1 Q—Q R 7. Quite an uncommon two-move arrangement, the defences of the Knights being cleverly manipulated.

No. 2,584 by M. Wrobel.—1 Kt—K 2, also, alas! 1 Q—K 6 ch.

No. 2,585 by Rev. P. N. Harrison.—1 P—R 3, K×Kt (K 5); 2 Kt—Q 6. If 1... K×Kt (K 4); 2 Kt—B 6. Pretty play with minor pieces, the two model mates being delicately shaped. It is a pity the key is not a better one as the Rook's Pawn's cold isolation must indicate something to the solver.

No. 2,586 by S. Green.—1 K—B 2, P—K 4, Kt—R or B 2; 2 B—B 7. If 1... K—Kt 1; 2 Q×R P ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—R 1 ch. A neat Q and B three-mover. The clearance key makes a double threat.

By M. da Silvera (p. 712).—1 R—Kt 3. The key is made rather difficult on account of 1 R—R 3 appearing to be equally effective. It is bad economy to use the outlying Rook for only one Mate. Some of the variety is quite acceptable, but there is nothing specially novel.

By C. Pulcherio (p. 712).—1 R—B 4. We wonder that this problem which is little more than a counterpart of many better settings on similar lines, receiving a prize among some good problems.

By C. Pulcherio (p. 712).—1 Kt—Kt 4. This has decidedly more originality and possesses some neat features.

By C. H. D. Clarke (p. 712).—A clever "half-pin" two-mover, its merits being increased by the alluring try of 1 B—K 2. The chief defences bring about some pleasant results.

By K. A. K. Larson (p. 712).—1 Q—R 5. The key move is pretty easy to pick out but the promotion effects are ingenious though they have been exploited somewhat recently.

By R. H. Bridgwater (p. 712).—1 Q—K 3. A capital key with some breezy play to follow. Quite interesting.

By O. Duras (p. 713).—1 B—Kt 7, B×P; 2 Q—R 8. If 1... Kt—B 5; 2 Q—B 6. If 1... B P moves; 2 Q—Kt 8. If 1... Kt—K 3 or P—R 5; 2 Q×P. A wonderfully clever combination as shown in the first three continuations. The key is excellent and none too easy to determine. The side play is consonant with the general scheme though naturally not so pointed.

By K. Traxler (p. 713).—1 B—R 6, P×B; 2 Kt—K 4 ch. If 1... P×Kt; 2 B—B 8 ch. If 1... R×B; 2 Kt×B ch. If 1... B×Kt; 2 B×P. If 1... P×P, P—Kt 7 or R—B 5; 2 Q×P ch. This is constructed rather in the style which Marin affects. It is a beautiful piece of three-move work and one must overlook the trivial duals consequent upon the constructive necessity for the double threat.

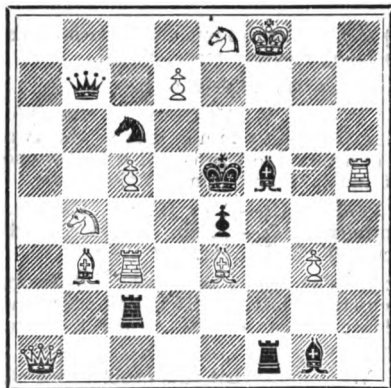
By L. B. Salkind (p. 713).—1 Kt—Kt 4, P—B 4 or B—B 6; 2 K—Q 7. If 1... K—Q 5; 2 Kt—K 2 ch. If 1... K—Q 3; 2 Q×P ch. If 1... B—R 4 or B 6; 2 Kt×Kt dis ch. If 1... Kt—B 6; 2 Kt—K 2 dis ch. If 1... others; 2 Q—R 8 ch. The principal characteristic of this problem is developed in the defences 1... P—B 4 and B—Q B 6. There are other interesting features, but they pale before those mentioned. The key-move is not a happy one, but doubtless the composer was forced to adopting the one selected.

ORIGINAL PROBLEMS.

No. 2,591.

By KENNETH S. HOWARD
(Rochester, U.S.A.).

BLACK (8 pieces)



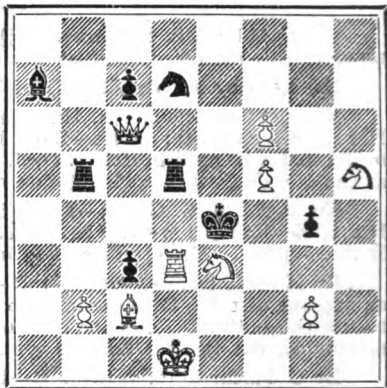
WHITE (11 pieces)

White mates in two moves.

No. 2,592.

By MALCOLM SIM
(Toronto).

BLACK (8 pieces)



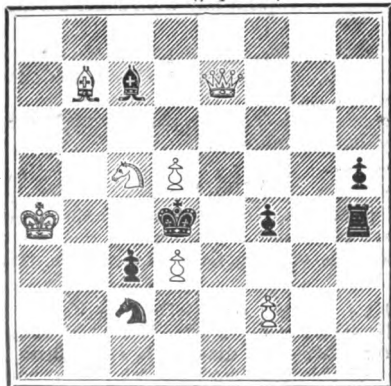
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White mates in two moves.

No. 2,593.

By N. R. S.

BLACK (7 pieces)



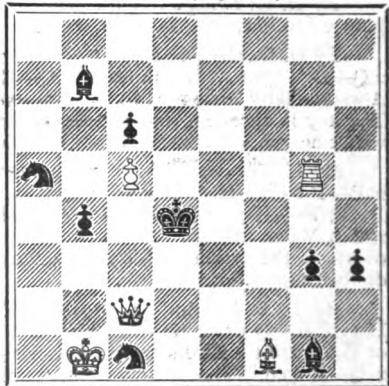
WHITE (7 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

No. 2,594.

By C. HORN
(London).

BLACK (9 pieces)



WHITE (5 pieces)

White mates in three moves.

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LONDON CHESS LEAGUE, 1926-7. "A" Division Fixtures.

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"A" DIVISION LONDON CHESS LEAGUE 1926-7.	Score for Season 1925-6													Final Position
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1 HAMPSTEAD	10½													
2 BRIXTON	10													
3 NORTH LONDON ..	10													
4 BATTERSEA	9													
5 LUD-EAGLE	9													
6 WEST LONDON ..	9													
7 LEYTON	8													
8 METROPOLITAN ..	8													
9 ATHENÆUM	4½													
10 BOHEMIANS	4													
11 LEWISHAM	2													
12 WOOD GREEN ..	2													
13 ISLINGTON	1													

The teams are placed in last season's order of merit.
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The County Championship
The Edwin Woodhouse Cup
The Hamilton-Russell Cup
The Montague-Jones Cup

THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

A. NORTHERN COUNTIES.

LANCASHIRE	}	} <i>Final 19/3/27</i>	
DURHAM			
YORKSHIRE	}		
CHESHIRE			
(Both at Leeds 15/1/27)			

B. MIDLAND COUNTIES.

WARWICKSHIRE .. }	}	} Final 21/3/27
STAFFORDSHIRE .. }		
SHROPSHIRE }	}	
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE }		
LEICESTERSHIRE .. }	} Semi-final 15/1/27	
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE }		
OXFORDSHIRE .. }	}	
WORCESTERSHIRE }		
(All above on 20/11/26)		

C. SOUTHERN COUNTIES.

1. DEVONSHIRE ..	}	} Final 19/3/27	
CORNWALL ..			
13/11/26	} Semi-final 12/1/27		
2. SOMERSETSHIRE			
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	}		
23/11/26			
3. HAMPSHIRE ..	}		
DORSETSHIRE ..			
23/11/26	} Semi-final 12/1/27		
4. BEDFORDSHIRE..			
BERKSHIRE ..	}	} Winner of these four groups holds the Montague-Jones cup and plays winner of group 5 for the Southern Counties Championship, 30/4/27.	
HERTFORDSHIRE			

	1	2	3	4	5	T'l.
1 ESSEX						
2 KENT						
5. 3 MIDDLESEX ..						
4 SURREY						
5 SUSSEX						

Winner.

(Vide B.C.F. Fixture list for dates of matches).

In the finals for the English County championship, the North, Midlands and South have the bye in turn. The Midlands have the bye for the above (1926-7) competition, so Northern winners will play Southern winners in October, 1927, and survivors will play Midland winners in December 1927.

EDWIN WOODHOUSE CUP

	Brad'd	H'field	Leeds	R'ham	S'field	Total
1 BRADFORD	—					
2 HUDDERSFIELD.. ..		—				
3 LEEDS			—			
4 ROTHERHAM				—		
5 SHEFFIELD					—	



FIRST ROUND, October 16th, 1926. Rotherham v. Sheffield. Huddersfield, bye.	Huddersfield v. Leeds. Rotherham, bye.	EIGHT ROUND, February 19th, 1927. Huddersfield v. Rotherham Leeds v. Sheffield. Bradford, bye.
SECOND ROUND, October 30th, 1926. Leeds v. Rotherham. Huddersfield v. Bradford. Sheffield, bye.	FIFTH ROUND, December 11th, 1926. Rotherham v. Bradford. Sheffield v. Huddersfield. Leeds, bye.	NINTH ROUND, March 5th, 1927. Sheffield v. Bradford. Leeds v. Huddersfield. Rotherham, bye.
THIRD ROUND, November 13th, 1926. Rotherham v. Huddersfield Sheffield v. Leeds. Bradford, bye.	SIXTH ROUND, January 22nd, 1927. Leeds v. Bradford. Sheffield v. Rotherham. Huddersfield, bye.	TENTH ROUND, March 26th, 1927. Bradford v. Rotherham. Huddersfield v. Sheffield. Leeds, bye.
FOURTH ROUND, November 27th, 1926. Bradford v. Sheffield.	SEVENTH ROUND, February 5th, 1927. Rotherham v. Leeds. Bradford v. Huddersfield. Sheffield, bye.	NOTE.—Bradford v. Leeds will be played on December 4th.

HAMILTON-RUSSELL CUP



	Athenæum	Authors	British Emp.	Carlton	Conservative	Constitutional	Junior Con.	Nat. Liberal	Reform	Royal Auto.	Savile	Total
1 ATHENÆUM	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 AUTHORS	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
3 BRITISH EMPIRE	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4 CARLTON	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5 CONSERVATIVE ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6 CONSTITUTIONAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7 JUN. C'NSTITUT'L	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8 NAT'L LIBERAL ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
'9 REFORM	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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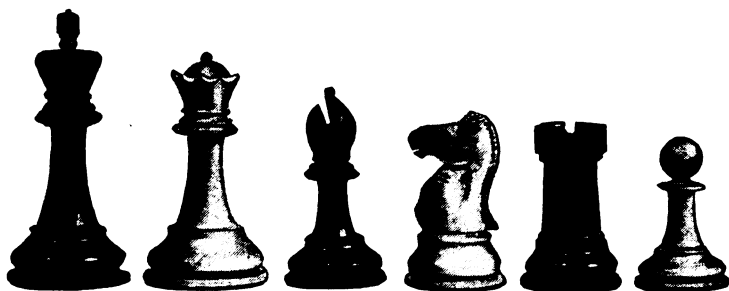
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